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PORTO RICANS GO TO OTHER SHORES

Emigrate to Find Work in Other Lands.

TO LABOR IN HAWAIIAN FIELDS

Hundreds Already Gone and Thousands More are Wanted. Opposition to the Emigration. Stories Told to Frighten the Credulous Natives.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 12.—The surplus labor population of Porto Rico is being gradually lessened by emigration. The past few months over 1500 men, women and children have left for the Hawaiian sugar plantations who ordered 8000 more from the local agents.

Opposition to the wholesale emigration is being aroused.

Local agents have been considerably handicapped by publications. Numerous scare stories are printed in local Spanish papers.

These stories are written and circulated by a certain element which for one reason or another is opposed to the emigration.

By means of newspapers and handbills distributed in the districts, from which emigrants come the ignorant would be emigrants are led to believe they are sold into slavery and their masters will subject them to all manner of torture and cruelty on the sugar plantations of Hawaii.

An unsuccessful attempt was made on the second instant to ship 400 emigrants to the Cuban iron mines from Ponce.

A steamer was sent here by the Spanish-American iron company. She was an English freighter and not licensed to carry passengers. The boat was held up by the customs authorities.

Seventy-five emigrants sailed next morning however en route for Hawaii.

Other emigration agents are soliciting men to go to Ecuador and work on the McDonald railroad contract.

The Jamaican laborers which that company has taken to South America are reported to be troublesome and unsatisfactory and the contracting company is anxious to engage 3000 Porto Ricans.

The emigration of her labor class may be considered a blessing for Porto Rico is exceedingly overpopulated and there is no work for the vast army of unemployed.

LONDON EXPECTING BOTH'S SURRENDER

International Convention to Protest Against British Conduct

Bloemfontein March 12.—Colonel Pelcher's column cleared the country of Boers between here and Orange river. A column arrived here bringing 32 prisoners and 300 horses.

London, March 12.—Lord Kitchener reports that De Wet is north of Brandford, Orange River Colony.

Continuous rains have interfered with the movements of the troops.

Two bands of Boers are being hunted among the hills.

London, March 12.—The report is current today that the government anticipates the speedy announcement of the surrender of General Botha the Boer commander in chief.

Paris, March 12.—The international federated union for the independence of the Boers with delegates from most European countries and the United States held meetings here the last three days.

They resolved today to address a protest to the various governments against the conduct of Great Britain in violating the Hague convention.

DON JAIME NOT THE PRETENDER YET

Only a Russian Officer, But If His Father Died?

Marseilles, March 12.—Don Jaime son of Don Carlos the panish pretender arrived here today on board the steamer Loas from China.

He declared it untrue that his father had abdicated his claims to the Spanish throne in favor of himself.

He said he had come not to take over the political succession but to rest from fatigue of the campaign in the province of Pe-Chi-Li, where he had taken part in capturing Pe-Tang forts.

He considered it his duty and a matter of honor not to interfere in the politics while a Russian officer but should his father die he would immediately resign and accept his father's political mission.

New York, March 12.—The Long Island railroad tug Syosset towing a car float carrying 17 loaded freight cars for Long Island collided with something in the East River early this morning.

The car float capsized and the cars went to the bottom in 30 feet of water. No one was hurt.

SHEFFIELD FIRM COMING OVER HERE

Steel Combinations Force Emigration of British Concerns

Sheffield, Eng. March 12.—At the annual meeting of the William Jessop & Sons today it was announced the directors are about to establish works for certain branches of their business in the United States where the whole of the crucible steel makers are combined compelling the British firms to take this step.

FALL RIVER CONCERNS MAY ADOPT CURTAILMENT

Fall River, Mass., March 12.—The manufacturers are being asked to come to an agreement to curtail production for 60 days during the four months, April to August.

Curtailement is the popular measure and it is thought ultimately that most of them will sign.

TWO MEN KILLED IN "COOKER" EXPLOSION

Pittsburg, Pa., March 12.—Two men were killed by the explosion of the "cooker" at McKeesport brewery, McKeesport this morning from cause unknown.

The building, a large brick one, was completely wrecked.

The roof of an adjoining residence was blown off.

The loss is \$100,000.

BIG PACKING HOUSE PLANNED FOR HAWAII

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—Nelson Morris is planning the erection of a two million dollar packing house in Honolulu for the purpose of supplying Hawaii and adjacent islands with fresh meat without the use of the present refrigerating system.

The plan is to transport livestock there and then slaughter.

INSURANCE TAX BILL PASSED IN NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—By a vote of 101 to 13 the assembly today passed Governor Odell's tax bill, taxing insurance companies.

The senate already passed the measure and the bill now goes to the governor.

EDWARD AND THE QUAKERS

Britain's King Wants the Quaker Principles to Rule the World

London, March 12.—King Edward received a number of addresses from delegations representing various churches at St. James palace this afternoon.

He assured all it would be his constant care to maintain religious liberty and toleration and aid in the progress of truth, morality and peace.

Replying to the quaker's delegation, his majesty said he prayed that his reign would witness the widespread acceptance of their principles of the establishment of peace among the nations and the growth of mutual help among the people of Great Britain.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON THOUGHT TO BE DYING

His Physicians Says He Has Not Many Hours to Live

Indianapolis, Ind., March 12.—There is a change for the worse in the condition of Ex-President Harrison.

His temperature at 8 o'clock this morning was 101½ and his respiration was weak.

Dr. Jameson announced at 10 o'clock this morning that the condition of Mr. Harrison was worse and there was hope of his surviving many hours.

His mind is not so clear as yesterday and his lung is worse.

Indianapolis, March 12.—Dr. Jameson has been in constant attendance on General Harrison, and, with Dr. Hadley, has alternated in a close watch for the slightest sign of improvement or relapse. The inflammation of his lung has not spread any, and there is no danger to be apprehended unless the inflammation does spread. He will either gradually grow better or he will grow gradually worse, and will, in the same way, grow weaker. He was perfectly conscious early this morning, and was resting easily.

PENNSYLVANIA INCREASES ITS STOCK

Total Issue Will Be Enormous Sum of \$251,000,000

Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad company today a resolution was adopted authorizing an increase of one hundred millions in the capital stock making the total issue \$251,000,000.

THEIR THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

House and Family Destroyed in Absence of Parents

Washington, Pa., March 12.—During the absence of the parents, the residence of Guy Williams near here was burned and their three children aged one, three and five were burned to death.

DROPPED DEAD WHILE SAVING FURNITURE

Glimanton, N. H., March 12.—Joseph Brown, one of the leading citizens, dropped dead while assisting in removing household goods from a burning building last night.

He died from heart failure.

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PROTEST AGAINST RUSSIA

Six More Heads Wanted and Ninety to Be Punished

Shanghai, March 12.—The American and British China associations have cabled their respective institutions at Washington and London urging that protests be made against the Russian Chinese Manchurian treaty, and it is understood here the Germans had taken similar action.

It is said Chang Chi Tung, viceroy of Hankow, will open the treaty ports on the Yang Tse Kiang, below Woo Chang.

Pekin, March 12.—At the general meeting of the foreign ministers today reports of committees were heard.

There is a strenuous opposition against demanding more heads, but a list of 96 minor officials is to be presented to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, urging that they be tried for complicity in the outrages and punished as the Chinese see fit, except whom the ministers think should be executed.

Hereafter there will be meetings daily.

THREE ENGINES SMASHED AND BRAKEMAN KILLED

Misplaced Switch Causes Disaster on Double Header

Gorham, N. H., March 12.—A collision last night which caused the destruction of three locomotives resulted in the death of the brakeman.

An engineer also was hurt.

It occurred at the roundhouse of the Grand Trunk road.

A misplaced switch allowed a double head freight train to crash into an engine in the house.

The brakeman killed was named Blaisdell and his family is in Portland, Me.

FLEET OF STEAMERS FOR NIAGARA EXCURSION

An Independent Link Between Buffalo and Toronto

Buffalo, N. Y., March 12.—The international navigation company backed by New York and Brooklyn capitalists has secured the Niagara river excursion docks in this city and docks on the Canadian and American sides of the river at Niagara Falls.

The company proposes to put on a fleet of steamers this summer to handle the excursion travel between this city and the falls and form an important link in the new water route between Buffalo and Toronto.

Pastor Adams Held For Trial.

Boston, March 12.—Rev. Alfred W. Adams, pastor of a colored church in Newton, who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of larceny in 66 counts, was arraigned in the superior criminal court yesterday, pleaded not guilty and was held for trial. He is out on bail.

Locomotives Were Demolished.

Berlin, N. H., March 12.—Through a misplaced switch a double-headed freight train on the Grand Trunk railroad crashed into an engine in the roundhouse last evening. Engineer Robinson was seriously injured, and all three engines were demolished.

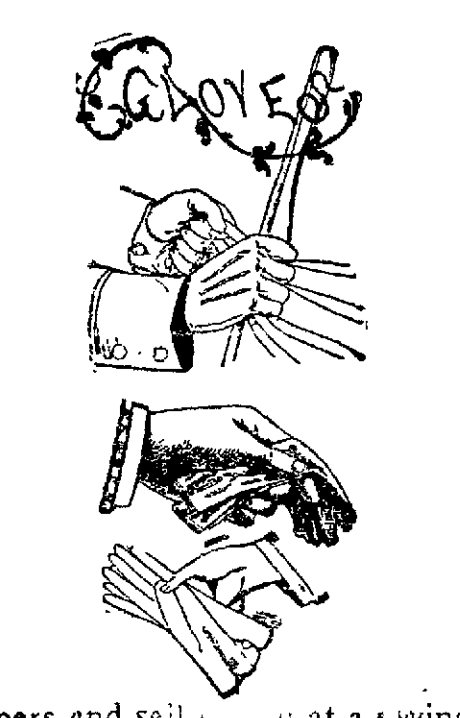
City Fathers Suspend Old Rule.

Boston, March 12.—For years the aldermanic board rule has been against wrestling, yet under a two-thirds vote the rule was suspended yesterday, and a license for an athletic exhibition, including wrestling, was granted, after a long debate.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Atchinson	57 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4
Atchinson pr	92 3/4	91 3/4	91 3/4
Am Cotton Oil	26	25 3/4	26
American Tobacco	123	121	122 1/2
Brook Rapid Transit	79 3/4	78 3/4	79 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4
Chicago & Rock Island	126 3/4	125 3/4	125 3/4
Cont Tobacco	46 3/4	46	46 3/4
Delaware & Hudson	167 1/4	166 1/4	166 1/4
Federal Steel Com	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4
Manhattan	120 3/4	120	120 3/4



Hand in Hand

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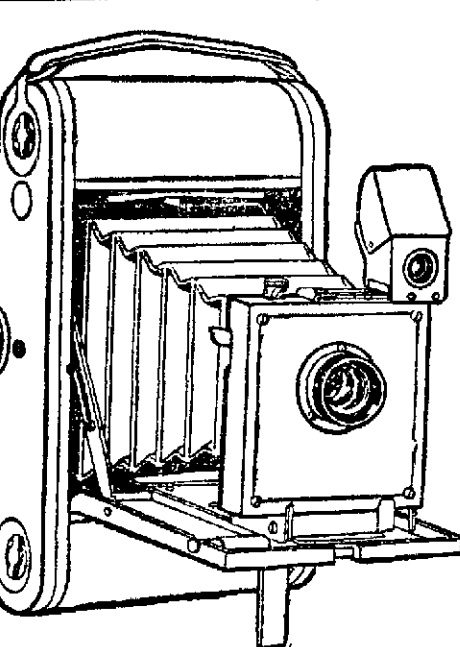
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REJECTED BY ENGLAND

Cannot Agree to Hay-Pauncefote Amendments

MOVES AS TO THE FUTURE

Must Be Initiated by United States—Answer Makes Clear the Attitude of Great Britain Alongside the Attitude of America as to Nicaraguan Canal

Washington, March 12.—Ambassador Pauncefote yesterday received the reply of the British government to the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, made by the senate, and he at once communicated it to Secretary Hay. The secretary and the ambassador were closeted together for half an hour. At the conclusion of the conference it was stated that the British government did not see its way clear to the acceptance of the senate amendments. These amendments were treated in detail at some length, in argumentative fashion, the purpose of the British government being to show that it had sound reason for declining to accept them. After disposing of the details, the note concluded with an expression of regret that such a course was forced upon the British government. There was nothing in the nature of a counter proposition, nor was any opening left for further action by the British government. It was stated that if there is to be a further attempt to amend the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, so as to authorize the United States to construct a waterway across the isthmus, it remains for the United States to make the overture; the British government simply drops the matter at this point.

No opportunity offered yesterday afternoon for a conference between the president and Secretary Hay respecting the British answer; therefore it cannot yet be stated what action, if any, will be taken by our government. It is stated that there is no hurry, even in the event that it shall be decided to invite Great Britain to join in fresh negotiations as to an isthmian canal, congress not being in session to consider a treaty if one should be framed. The belief seems to be warranted that there will be no further negotiations on the subject in the immediate future, unless some event not now foreseen by the officials causes a radical change in the situation.

For the present the text of the British answer will be withheld from publication on this side of the water, at least, though it is said that, after the president has thoroughly considered the matter, some general statement may be made as to the points developed.

The British answer is quite long, as such documents go, and would make about two newspaper columns. The tone of the reply is distinctly friendly throughout, particularly so in the concluding assurances of good will and a desire to co-operate in the realization of this undertaking.

The Hay-Pauncefote negotiations have been in progress for something over two years, and, owing to the great interests involved, they have constituted the chief international question at issue before the state department. The treaty was signed prior to the opening of the Fifty-sixth congress, and was submitted to the senate in December, 1899. It once encountered opposition in that body, but, after considerable delay, was ratified after several amendments had been adopted. The chief issue was made on what is known as the Davis amendment. While in terms this did not give the United States a right to fortify the canal, yet in general language it expressed the right of this country to adopt such measures in regard to the canal as were deemed necessary for the proper maintenance of American authority.

After extended debate in executive session this and two other amendments to the treaty were adopted, and the treaty was ratified as amended. The two other amendments abrogated the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and struck out the provision of the treaty which invited other foreign governments to express their approval of it.

As the amendments created conditions which the British government had not concurred in when the original treaty was made, it was necessary to present the instrument in its amended form to that government for its approval.

The effect of the British answer cannot be to restore the life of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty so far as now appears. That document has a distinct limitation within which it could be ratified, and no doubt seems to exist among officials that the period expired when the senate adjourned. The answer is chiefly important, therefore, as making clear the attitude of the British government alongside the attitude of the American government. With the two positions thus clearly defined, it remains to be seen whether the United States government will carry on such further negotiations as may reconcile differences and bring about a common ground of action.

Incident Won't Close With Duel
Brussels, March 12.—Audre Buffet mentions the receipt of a further communication from Paul Deroulede, which he refrains from publishing at present out of generosity. "I am compelled," says Buffet, "in these circumstances to fight, however absurd it may appear to be, but M. Deroulede must still prove his words. Otherwise he will lay himself open to the charge of being the author of an odious invention."

Conspiracy Against Wilhelmina
London, March 12.—The St. James Gazette says that, acting on representations received from The Hague, the Roumanian police have been instructed to watch certain persons in Moldavia, who are suspected of being engaged in a conspiracy against the lives of Queen Wilhelmina and her husband.

Creditors Nearly All Secured
Boston, March 12.—Among the petitioners in insolvency yesterday were James Miles & Son, builders and operators in real estate, Worcester. Liabilities are \$130,000.04, of which \$122,000 is secured.

Teamster Kicked to Death
Athol, Mass., March 12.—An ordinarily docile horse kicked William T. Whitney, aged 36, a teamster, to death yesterday. The horse had always been considered kind and gentle.

BUILDINGS WRECKED

By the Bursting of Two Dams at Wanskuck, R. I.

Providence, March 12.—Two dams at Wanskuck, on the northern boundary line, burst yesterday afternoon, carrying away two wooden buildings containing nine persons, all of whom have been accounted for, excepting Miss Emily Whitney, who was drowned. The upper dam burst first and the flood of water came down with a rush and swept away the lower dam within a few minutes. Located over the dam were two wooden buildings, each 60 feet square, three stories in height, run as a cotton mill by George Weedon. These buildings were crushed by the flood. The nine persons were caught by the flood and eight were rescued by firemen. The victims clung to pieces of the debris, and were rescued by the firemen, with ropes tied around their bodies, waded out to the persons. Miss Whitney and a man were carried down the stream on a raft. They caught in a wire fence, which crushed the raft, and only the man was rescued. The firemen tried to Miss Whitney to cling to the wire, but she could not be reached. A heavy timber coming in the flood struck her in the back and neck, and she was carried under and was not seen afterwards.

Several bridges have been carried away, and the whole country below the ruined dam presents a scene of devastation. Every part of the flooded section is submerged to depths varying from one to several feet, the water being filled with floating debris brought down by the flood.

Webster Gets More Than Enough
Webster, Mass., March 12.—Following directly in the wake of a long drought, an excessive rain has so filled the streams hereabouts as to cause much damage and inconvenience. The fires were put out in the factory of A. J. Bates & Co., by the rapid rise in the French river, and 400 hands are for a time unable to continue work. Much small stock, such as pigs, hens and the like, along the streams have been drowned. The water is rapidly rising.

Rain and Fog at Boston
Boston, March 12.—A driving rainstorm and later a blanket of fog made navigation in the harbor difficult yesterday, and in reason thereof no craft sailed. Many incoming steamers are late, probably due to heavy weather out at sea.

MAINE GETS IT

Heavy Wind Accompanied Rain and Kept Vessels in Port

Eastport, Me., March 12.—A heavy rain, accompanied by very high wind, continued throughout yesterday. The line steamer for the provinces which left at the regular time yesterday afternoon was obliged to put back for shelter. The wind had attained a velocity of 50 miles an hour.

Belfast, Me., March 12.—This section was visited yesterday by one of the most severe storms in a number of years. Last night the streets were almost impassable for pedestrians. A high wind kicked up a dangerous sea, and no craft ventured out of the harbor.

In the Nutmeg State
New Haven, March 12.—Reports from various parts of the state indicate that the storm, while it had loosened the ice in many of the rivers and caused some incidental damage to railways and trolley roads in the shape of wash-outs, will not start serious floods.

Storm Reaches Nova Scotia
Halifax, March 12.—A severe sleet storm visited Nova Scotia yesterday, causing disaster to overhead wires in several towns. A gale of wind is blowing. At Yarmouth the electric lights have been extinguished, and the trolley car system suspended.

Stock Drowned in a Collar
Waverly, N. Y., March 12.—Cattle valued at \$1000 were drowned in the basement of a barn at Smithboro on account of a quick rise in the Susquehanna river. The storm was general in this section.

An Unsatisfactory Contest
Newcastle, Eng., March 12.—Sammy Kelly, the New York featherweight, met Will Curley of England in a 20-round bout here last evening, for a purse of \$1000 and a side wager of the same amount. Both men were very fit. Both fought fouly, and Kelly, hopelessly beaten, went down twice without a blow in the seventh round. He was disqualified and the fight awarded to Curley.

Carried Contraband of War
Manila, March 12.—The coasting steamer Carmen and the schooner Orient have been seized on the charge of illicit transshipment of cargo between Sorsogon and Buluan in the province of Albay. Contraband of war was found on board the vessels, both of which will be held, pending investigation.

Mistrial in "Smashing" Case
Wichita, Kan., March 12.—No verdict was reached by the jury which heard evidence in the trial of Mrs. Carrie Nation, for smashing a joint here several weeks ago. The jury stood seven to five for conviction, and was discharged.

Weather Conditions and Forecast
Albany, Wednesday, March 13.
Sun rises—4:01; sets, 7:45.
Moon rises—12:57 a. m.
High water—4:30 a. m.; 5 p. m.

The storm conditions have moved northward with diminishing energy, still with two centres of disturbance, one off New England and the other northeast of the lower lake region. High winds and gales have occurred on the Atlantic coast from North Carolina northward. Rains or snow have fallen in New England where the weather will be fair and somewhat colder. Brisk westerly winds are indicated for the coast.

Maiden Man Hangs Himself
Malden, Mass., March 12.—Eugene G. Waldron, aged 48, a butcher, committed suicide by hanging yesterday. He was found suspended from a beam in his carpenter shop. He had been suffering from the grip.

Insane Man Wants to Die
Providence, March 12.—While in a fit of insanity Patrick Foley, a laborer, twice attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself in front of electric cars. He will be committed to an asylum.

FOUND DYING IN FIELD

Big Blacksmith Shortly Afterward Expired

A HAND NEARLY SEVERED

Possibility of Suicide, but Failure to Find Weapon or a Trail of Blood Leading to Scene of Tragedy Leads Police to Suspect Murder

Boston, March 12.—With his left hand almost completely severed from the arm, and his life blood welling out from the arteries into a pool by his side, Michael J. Keenan, 30, a big, strapping blacksmith, was found bleeding to death yesterday afternoon, four miles from his home in Jamaica Plain, in a field on the outskirts of Brookline. The man was alive when first discovered, but died soon after, whether a victim of foul play or as the result of self-inflicted injuries the police have not as yet been able to determine. For some hours after the discovery the murder theory held full sway, until the police learned that Keenan had been seen earlier in the day with a hatchet in his hand, and this, coupled with the fact that he was known to have been slightly unbalanced, seemed to point to suicide. Still, a careful search of the vicinity failed to reveal the hatchet, and there was apparently no trail of blood, showing that Keenan bled to death nearly on the spot where his hand was cut off.

A little dog led his master, James Toomey, to the scene of the tragedy. Toomey was walking along the road, with his dog running through the adjacent fields, when he noticed that the animal stopped at some object and then commenced to howl. The man climbed the fence and crossed the field, coming upon the blood-soaked man. Keenan was lying in a great pool of blood. Toomey was horrified to find that his hand was almost cut off, while he seemed to be suffering from other wounds. Just as Toomey arrived, Keenan gave a great heave and expired.

The nearest house was some distance off, while the police station was four miles away, so that it was some time before the local authorities arrived on the scene. The medical examiner arrived not long after. He decided that death was due to a hemorrhage from the arteries of the arm. He gave an opinion that the hand had been cut off by an axe. Nothing of the kind was found, while there seemed to be no trail of blood leading into the field, only the pool in which Keenan fairly wallowed in his death struggle.

Everything seemed to point to the murder theory until word was received that Keenan had been seen in the morning with an axe in his hand. Gradually more information came in as to Keenan's peculiarities, his unsound mental condition, as well as a court record of some length, but the Brookline authorities are still working on the murder theory. It was pointed out that a man could not have lived more than 10 minutes with the arteries of his arm fully opened, and that there are no convenient logs which he could have used for a chopping block. The failure to find the hatchet, however, and an unfortunate dispute with a Jamaica Plain man, leading to his arrest, gave the Brookline authorities the incentive to investigate further into the tragedy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Agnes Hilton, wife of Henry G. Hilton of New York, died in Paris. Mrs. Hilton had for years lived apart from her husband, who was practically disinherited by his father, the late Judge Hilton.

Liverpool brokers and refiners are importing thousands of tons of beet sugar from the continent, in anticipation of an expected duty.

Joseph Hodgkins, for many years prominent in the lumber industry on the Penobscot river, died at Bangor, Me. Mary Coffin Thomson died at Brookline. She was born in Nantucket, Mass. in 1822. She belonged to the ancient Coffin family, whose history is interwoven with the early revolutionary events of our country. In 1840 she married James B. Thomson, who became the author of a large series of mathematical books.

Rev. Elijah Kellogg, known in the world of books as a writer for boys, is dying at his home at Harpswell, Me. He is one of the most famous of Maine authors.

A Thrilling Incident
Fishkill Landing, N. Y., March 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Pelouquin and four young women, while walking on the railroad tracks to cross a long trestle, heard a train coming, and crossed to the other track, when they heard a train thundering down that track also. They all laid between the two tracks and the trains went by. All then arose but Nellie Grennan, who was found to be unconscious. She has remained so ever since, and her life is despaired of.

Plague Developing Seriously
Cape Town, March 12.—Fifteen cases of bubonic plague were officially reported yesterday and 97 other persons were isolated because of having come into contact with victims of the disease. Two colored persons, who had been attacked by the plague, died in the streets of Cape Town yesterday. A European died while being removed to a hospital. The malady is reaching the more prosperous classes.

No Conclusion Yet Reached
Pretoria, March 12.—The result of the negotiations between Lord Kitchener and General Louis Botha is anxiously, but hopelessly, awaited. The presence of Sir Alfred Milner in Pretoria to consult with Lord Kitchener is expected to hasten the change from the military to the civil administration.

For Protection of the Kaiser
Berlin, March 12.—It is asserted that much stricter precautions will be taken hereafter to insure the safety of Emperor William and that detectives from Berlin will always accompany him to co-operate with the local authorities.

Big Crops Garnered
Washington, March 12.—The amount of wheat in farmers' hands on March 12 was 128,100,000 bushels. Corn, 776,200,000. Oats, about 292,800,000.

A DISGRACEFUL QUARREL

Follows a Brawl at Chicago in Which Many Lives Were Lost

Chicago, March 12.—By the explosion of the boiler in the Doremus laundry eight people were instantly killed, 42 were injured and several are missing. The cause of the explosion had not been determined with accuracy as yet, and it will probably require an official investigation to settle the matter. Pending the verdict of the coroner's jury, A. L. Doremus, the proprietor of the laundry, is held in custody by the police.

The list of the dead and wounded was difficult to secure. Reports of the number of dead in the ruins run all the way from six to 20. It is known that 30 employees of the laundry had entered the place before the explosion occurred. Two or three were entering at the moment of the explosion, making an approximate total of 40 employees in and around the building. The list of injured includes, however, several people residing in the adjoining buildings, nearly all of which were badly damaged.

The search for bodies in the ruins came to a sudden end in the afternoon, and the work of rescue was entirely abandoned. The cause of the cessation of the search was a dispute between the firemen and the policemen as to who was responsible for the recovery of any bodies which might be concealed beneath the debris. The firemen said that they had performed their whole duty, and, gathering up their hose, they retired from the scene. The police said it was not their work to dig for bodies, and nobody else volunteered to do the work.

While the firemen and police were arguing, Building Inspector Klobbass sent a notice to the agents for the property to immediately begin the work of pulling down the walls and clearing away the debris. The real estate firm soon had a number of wreckers at the ruins, and the work of pulling down the walls was immediately begun. This operation made it impossible to continue the search for bodies.

Humors of Another Big Combine
Birmingham, Ala., March 12.—Rumors of the consolidation of the largest industrial corporations in the south, with a combined capital of \$100,000,000, are current in this city. The companies are the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, the Bloss Sheffield Steel and Iron company, and the Republic Steel and Iron company, which owns 28 pig iron furnaces, one steel mill and two rolling mills in Alabama and Tennessee, and make the bulk of the iron in these two states. The combined capital and bonded debt of the three companies is \$93,000,000.

Why We Hold the Cup
Glasgow, March 12.—John H. Biles, professor of architectural architecture at the University of Glasgow, in the course of a lecture last evening, said: "Great Britain has always been several years behind America in yacht construction. The problem is to reduce weight without reducing strength. The veil of secrecy surrounding the conception and construction of British challengers is perhaps necessary to prevent the absorption of secrets, but they are secrets which, if another knew them, would only regard as things to avoid."

Incorporation of White Mice
New York, March 12.—The Benevolent Order of White Mice of America was duly incorporated here yesterday. The objects of the organization are said to be charitable and benevolent, and it is to aid and assist "ladies of the theatrical profession, playing minor parts, in cases of sickness and distress or in any other emergency."

Mutineers Before Commissioner
New York, March 12.—The 12 sailors of the British tramp ship Camperdown, who mutinied after she stuck over two days on the Cape Lookout shoals, N. C. on March 4, because they said she was unseaworthy, were arraigned before Commissioner Shields yesterday, and were held for examination on March 13.

Sword Fight to a Finish
Vienna, March 12.—A ferocious due with swords was fought at Leutschau, Hungary, between Lieutenant Enderl and Lieutenant Exler. The former was killed, and the latter, who is now in hospital, received more than 20 dangerous wounds.

True Boston Culture.

"Fifty cents for this beautiful little vase," called the auctioneer. "Going, go for 50. Do I hear 60 for this beautiful little vase?" and no one thought of lifting about the auctioneer or the vase which went for 60 cents until another one was put up, an immense affair of cloisonne. "Now we will show you an exquisite piece, not to be duplicated in this country," he went on. "An exquisite cloisonne vase" and there the Wellesley girl said excitedly to her companion:

"Now, that is what I call true Boston culture. Would you expect a man of that kind to make such a delicate distinction? He must have been educated at a woman's college. When he is selling a 60 cent article, he says vase in the ordinary way, with the long sound of the 'a,' but when he comes to a big piece of cloisonne it is vase, with the broad 'a' every time. That is according to rule. Over \$10 in price you find a vase, but under that nothing but an ordinary, everyday vase."—New York Times.

Crocodile Tears.
The expression "crocodile tears" can be found in almost every European language, but it is doubtful if one in a thousand of those who use it have an idea of its origin. We are told in the *Bestiary* of Guillaume de Clerc that when the crocodile finds an unwary traveler it devours him, but afterward weeps over him all the rest of its life. This is very evidently the allusion in "Othello." "Each drop she falls would prove a crocodile" (1, 267).

There is another version of the fable, however, which is more often referred to in literature, and according to which the crocodile sheds tears in order to allure the traveler to destruction. Shakespeare alludes to this in the passage where he tells how the mournful crocodile

With sorrow stains his velvet wings.
—*Henry VI., 1, 23.*
—*Poet's Lore.*

A Sporty Youngster.

How was the youthful son of a well known horseman. He had been to an evening party, and at 9 o'clock a servant announced that Master—'s name had called for him.

The young gentleman replied as well as he could while burying his fourth piece of mince pie: "All right. Throw a blanket over her and let her wait."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

FACTORY DOORS CLOSED

Crisis in Shoe Troubles at North Brookfield

A REDUCTION IS RESISTED

By Over Eleven Hundred Operatives, Who Declare Their Intention of Remaining Out—Collapse of the Shoe Industry in the Town May Result

North Brookfield, Mass., March 12.—There was begun yesterday in the shoe factory of E. & A. Batchelder an almost unanimous strike of the 1150 operatives employed, because of the announcement of a reduction of 10 percent in their pay. The report that only 84 operatives returned to work was telegraphed to the owners in Boston, and response was immediately received to the effect that the mill should at once be closed. The whistle did not sound at noon, and all efforts to keep the factory in operation have been abandoned.

The strikers are determined to resist the reduction of 10 percent, and refuse to listen to any proposals in that direction; the owners of the factory are believed to be equally obstinate as to the granting of any concession in their decision to reduce the pay. There has not been any disturbance, and the police do not anticipate any trouble.

One of the firm, who has to deal with the strikers cannot come here before tomorrow, so it is probable the matter will have to stand as it is until that time, although he is quoted as saying that the factory will not be opened until a majority of the operatives signify their intention to return to work at the new schedule of wages.

Messrs. Palmer and Barry of the state board of arbitration met the committee of the employees, and afterwards saw Superintendent Wood of the Batchelder factory. They have made arrangements for a conference with President Batchelder. Mr. Palmer is looking up the manufacturers' side of the case. He ascertained the wages paid in the Brockton factories, and the comparison, it is said, revealed the fact that lower wages were paid here than elsewhere.

President Tobin of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union is here in the interests of the body he represents, although he has made no effort to organize a union. In announcing the reduction, last week, the firm said that it was necessary for them to take the step in order to be able to meet their competitors, but that a system of profit sharing would be introduced in a few months. The employees were not satisfied at the time and maintained that by economy in certain directions a reduction of wages would be unnecessary.

There is some fear that if the trouble is of long duration it may lead to the withdrawal from this town of the shoe factories.

Spread of Silk Weavers' Strike.

Patterson, N. J., March 12.—All the weavers at Frank & Dugan's and Dexter & Lambert's silk mills remained away from work yesterday, except one girl. At a meeting held yesterday strikes were officially declared on at both factories. There is no change in the strike situation at the Levy Bros' mill. The girl weavers at Frank & Dugan's mill had been offered an advance of 10¢ a week, but they rejected this and joined in the demands of the men.

Good News For Miners

Pittsburg, March 12.—Notices were posted last evening by the Berwind-White Coal Mining company at several points in the central Pennsylvania mining fields, as follows: "The average advance of 20 percent in wages given our employees April 1, 1900, will be continued until April 1, 1902." This notice affects about 10,000 men. The action of the company continues in effect the highest rate of wages ever paid in the central Pennsylvania fields.

Thirty-Seven Girls Out

Derby, Conn., March 12.—Thirty-seven girl employees of the A. H. & C. B. Ailing woolen mills went on strike yesterday, owing to a reduction of wages, said to amount to from 10 to 15 percent. The company states that it has simply removed an increase given the employees a year ago when business was better.

Eighteen Thousand Locked Out

Barcelona, March 12.—In consequence of a dispute with operatives who oppose the erection of new spinning machinery, the local manufacturers have closed the mills, locking out 18,000 employees. Serious riots have occurred. The strikers have set fire to houses and assaulted employers.

Reduced to Abject Poverty

Elmira, N. Y., March 12.—Mrs. J. A. Jenkins, widow of the first private secretary of the late President Abraham Lincoln, was given lodging at police headquarters Saturday night. Mrs. Jenkins left this city yesterday for Hornellsville. She is on her way to Springfield, Ills. her former home. The owner of the poor furnished Mrs. Jenkins with a ticket to Hornellsville. Mrs. Jenkins said that she left Washington several days ago. She told a story of a hard struggle to earn a living.

Shortage in Union Oilmen's Accounts
Buffalo, March 12.—J. L. Tipton, secretary and treasurer of the Switchmen's International union, is under arrest on a charge of petit larceny. Grand Master Hawley of the order says that the total shortage of Tipton is \$2630. The arrest was made at the instance of Tipton's bondsmen.

A Remarkable Contest

New York, March 12.—Helges, Gilbert, Crosby, Fanning and Parmelee, five of the best trap shots in America, met in competition near Queens, L. I. yesterday, and each man succeeded in breaking 25 clay birds without a miss, making 125 in all. This is a world's record.

German Merchants' Modest Request

Berlin, March 12.—The first meeting of the society of Hamburg has addressed a letter to the imperial government asking that China be compelled to pay not only for lives lost and property destroyed, but also for profits not gained in consequence of the anti-foreign trouble.

CURTAILMENT PROPOSED

As the Means of Relieving the Glut in the Print Cloth Market

Fall River, Mass., March 12.—The selling committee of the Fall River Manufacturers' association, having reached an opinion as to the necessary step to relieve the present stagnation in the print cloth market, yesterday announced that a special meeting of the general body would be called, at which time a proposition from the selling committee would be placed before the general body, calling for curtailment of production by local manufacturers for a term of weeks or months, to be determined by the manufacturers themselves. This proposition is expected to receive the endorsement of the mill men in the association.

In taking this step the committee has been able to compromise the factions in the local mill circles, one interest advocating curtailment by general agreement, and the other a reduction of wages and curtailment, either independent or in common. The selling committee makes no proposition on the wage question.

At present there is a surplus of about 2,000,000 pieces of cloth in this city, equal to the full production of the mills for eight weeks. The weekly production here amounts to about 27,000 pieces, and it may be decided to curtail for a term of weeks during which the production of the mills may amount to the present stock on hand.

Navy Yard Will Be Kept Busy

Boston, March 12.—Orders to make 22 anchors, each 16,500 pounds in weight, for the new battleships of the Virginia class, and the new cruisers of the California type, were received yesterday by the equipment department of the Charlestown navy yard. The new anchors are to be of wrought iron, and will be the heaviest and largest ever forged. Orders were also received for more than 700 tons of chain of 2 5-8 inch diameter size, and for wire and rope hawsers. This means at least a year's work.

Prominent Manufacturer Dead

Webster, Mass., March 12.—Word has reached here of the death yesterday in Jacksonville, Fla., of Henry H. Stevens, the millionaire linen manufacturer of this town. Mr. Stevens was prominent in the affairs of this place. The winters Mr. Stevens spent at Jacksonville, where, during the past few months, he had suffered considerably from a number of ills.

Kaiser Wilhelm in Enamel.

Mr. Herbert Herkimer's portrait in enamel of the Kaiser is being discussed in artistic quarters, says the St. James Gazette. Very few have been privileged to view this work, which is spoken of as being a most marvelous likeness. It is a work, so far, without parallel and may be said to be absolutely imperishable. The labor involved has been simply immense, the picture being made up, on account of its size—it stands six feet high—of 11 different plates of copper, each of which had to be fired separately, most of them many times, and then joined to its neighbors so neatly as to be quite imperceptible as a distinct piece of work. Mr. Herkimer had actually to grind his enamel himself and make repeated experiments to get the tints required, while over a hundred different firing operations have taken place. Some of the plates buckled in the furnace and had to be done over and over again, so that it will readily be seen that the artist's labor has been of the most arduous nature.

Odd Decision in Hunting Suit.

A recent suit before a justice of the peace at New London, Wis., involved the question of ownership between two hunters of bear meat. One of the hunters discovered the bear in its den and was trailing it when another hunter shot the bear and claimed the ownership. Neither of the hunters was aware of the other's presence in the woods before the bear was shot. The second hunter sold the meat to a meat dealer, and thereupon the first hunter began a replevin suit against the dealer. The case was tried before a jury, and the verdict was that the carcass was the legal property of the man who first discovered the bear and not of the man who killed it.

Memorial of Victoria.

The memorial to Queen Victoria suggested by the committee of ministers and former ministers and approved by King Edward is to be a monument, the most prominent feature of which will be a statue of the queen, to be erected near Westminster abbey or Buckingham palace.

An Eye on the Balkans

London, March 12.—It is reported that Russia is seeking the support of the powers in a scheme to prevent a sudden outbreak in the Balkans, says the Vienna correspondent of The Morning Post. She proposes that Servia, Bulgaria and Greece should greatly reduce their armies, on condition that the powers give a pledge to protect their independence. It is asserted that the assent of Great Britain and Austria has already been obtained.

Bobs Returned Decoration

Berlin, March 12.—It is rumored in court circles that Earl Roberts' "thankfully returned" to Emperor William the flag of the Great of the Great Britain, conferred at the time of the Kaiser's visit to England, after noting the unfavorable comment in the German press upon the bestowal of the honor. This would explain the omission of the customary announcement of the conferring of such a distinction.

Lawson Broke the Rules

Fresno, Cal., March 12.—Gus Lawson of California and John Lake of New York rode yesterday in a 10-mile motor-paced bicycle race on the Velodrome track. Lake's motor broke in the second mile, and Lawson continued, in violation of the rules, finishing in 18:45. At the finish several of the riders got into a quarrel over the race and a free-for-all fight was the result.

Murderer Killed Himself

Berlin, March 12.—A non-commissioned soldier named Gumbinnen, who committed suicide at Gumbinnen, left a letter confessing that he was the murderer of Cavalry Captain von Krosigk, who was killed at Gumbinnen last January by a shot through a window while he was drilling his men in a riding school.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Albert Allen Hites, late of North Adams, in said county, deceased. WHEREAS a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court, for probate, by Clara E. Curley of said North Adams, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her the executrix therein named without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Pittsfield, in said county of Berkshire, on the second day of April, A. D., 1901, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this notice once in each week for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said court. Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said court, this ninth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complete traveler's guide, with railroad, street railway and postoffice timetable will be found on page 3.

New items of interest are gladly received by the Transcript, and should be left at the office as early in the day as possible.

Communications on live topics are solicited by the Transcript. They must in every case be accompanied by the names of the writers (not necessarily for publication if good reason for withholding them is shown) and must be brief to insure publication.

Notices of meetings and events intended for the Transcript's office must be left at the office by 10 o'clock in the morning to insure insertion.

The Transcript's telephone number for counting room and news department is 230.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1715—John Lorimer Worden, rear admiral U. S. N., born in Westchester county, N. Y.; died 1897. Worden commanded the Monitor when she beat the Merrimack in Hampton Roads.
- 1822—Thomas Buchanan Reed, poet, born in Chester county, Pa.; died 1872.
- 1888—The "Blizzard" prevailed in the North Atlantic states. The severest storm of modern years. A heavy snowfall preceded by freezing rain and driven by a violent nor'wester blocked railways, tore down telegraph lines and in a few hours impeded travel so that people could not reach their homes when separated from them by only a few miles.
- 1893—John Lee Davis, rear admiral U. S. N., retired, died in Washington; born in Carlisle, Ind., 1825.
- 1900—The British government announced its intention to destroy the independence of the South African republic.

TONIGHT'S EVENTS

Board of trade annual meeting.
Methodist church fourth quarterly conference.
Oneco lodge, I. O. O. F., social.
Typographical union banquet.
Greylock lodge, F. and A. M., meets.
North Adams lodge of Elks meets.
Tunnel City company, U. R. K. of P., meets.
North Adams lodge, A. O. U. W., meets.
Daughters of Erin meet.
Young men's fellowship club meets in St. John's parish house.
Shoe cutters' union meets.
Sons of Veterans meet.
Baptist young people's union meets.
Epworth league meets.
"Rebecca's triumph at Grand Army hall."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Local News on Pages 4, 5 and 8

—Earle Hartwell of Shelburne Falls is visiting friends in the city.
—Miss Margaret Collins of Hathaway street is confined to her home by illness.
—Mrs. John Paige of Liberty street is seriously ill her condition not improving.
—Regular business was transacted at the painters' and plumbers' unions Monday evening.
—The senior branch of the Friendly society will meet at St. John's this evening at 7.30.
—The women of the Universalist church will serve a supper in the church parlors tomorrow evening from 5 to 7 o'clock.
—There will be a special meeting of Red Men at Postal telegraph office at 8 tonight to take action on the death of F. C. Hosford.
—James Leslie, the 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Leslie of 64 Cliff street, died yesterday and the funeral was held this afternoon, Rev. W. L. Tenney officiating.
—The women of St. John's parish auxiliary will hold a mission study class tomorrow at 3 p. m. The subject for study is "Mission work in China" and all interested are invited.
—The Rathbone Sisters held a dance and social after their regular meeting last evening. There was a fair sized attendance in spite of the stormy weather and music was furnished by Archie Mason.
—Oneco lodge, I. O. O. F., gives a social to its members and their families this evening. All Odd Fellows and their families are invited. There will be dancing in the large hall and games, etc., in the lodge rooms.
—The mail that formerly reached here at 11.37 from Troy has been taken off, on account of the change by which the New York papers reach here on the earlier train. Very few letters were ever brought on this mail.
—The rain Tuesday caused a part of Flagg's meadow near South State street to be overflowed and a part of the road leading to Hunter's foundry was submerged so that the help could not cross that way as usual last night.
—Mrs. T. Blythe of Chase avenue, entertained friends at her home yesterday afternoon with progressive whist. The party was given in honor of her guest Miss Jessie Blythe of Wampinkers Falls, N. Y. Prizes were won by Mrs. Stafford and Miss Blythe.
—Supt. Hall received word from Harvard college yesterday in regard to the three Drury boys who entered college this year. They are Howard, Perkins and Locke and all three are among the first six men in a class of over 600 and Locke has been awarded a scholarship of \$150.
—Cascade lodge held a whist party after its regular meeting last evening in Odd Fellows' lodge room. The attendance was not large on account of the weather, there being only about 30 players present. Seven tables were formed and the prizes were won by the following: Mrs. Rayno, Miss Nellie Johnson, Mrs. E. L. Crozier, Miss Flora Deming, James A. Pelletier, J. H. Adams, James Fish and Walter Johnson.
—There was a very large attendance at the last of the Y. M. C. A. entertainments last evening in Richmond theater and the entertainment proved one of the best of the series. Burns, the magician, gave a very clever exhibition of tricks, doing a number of the same things that Kellar had in his program. Emmet was one of the best ventriloquists that has been heard here and the pianist served as a strong addition to the program. The entertainment course this year has been very successful.

—There will be a drill after the regular meeting of Rebekah lodge tomorrow evening.
—Albert Franchise was called to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., yesterday by the death of Mrs. Margaret Noble, of that city.
—Mrs. J. S. Browne and Miss Browne, victims of the Blackinton driving accident were able to leave the hospital today.
—Olympian lodge, K. of P., will confer the rank of knight on one candidate Thursday evening. At the conclusion of the work a banquet will be held.
—One of the workmen employed on the new Beaver bridge met with a painful accident this morning. He was wrenching his leg with such force that it made a deep and ugly wound. Dr. O. J. Brown was called and dressed the injury after which the man was taken to his boarding house on Center street.
—"Rebecca's Triumph" the play that was recently given in Braytonville, will be repeated at Grand Army hall this evening for the benefit of the Y. M. C. gymnasium fund. It will be presented under the auspices of the "Ten" of which Mrs. T. W. Sykes is chairman. The play was most successful on its previous presentation.

For a Trip to Buffalo

The F. M. T. A. society has decided to offer a purse of \$50 to pay expenses of a trip to the Buffalo exposition as the prize in a contest at the coming festival of the society.

R. B. Harvie a Candidate

It is announced from Boston that it may be some time before a successor to the late Detective Pease on the state police is appointed. Deputy Sheriff O. L. Wool of Pittsfield is the chief candidate, as recently reported, but there has been some talk of a northern Berkshire candidate, and R. B. Harvie of this city is a candidate for the appointment. Mr. Harvie has served one term in the legislature, and was once a candidate for the position of messenger, in the state house.

Queer Fosburg Report

A report was sent out from Pittsfield yesterday to the effect that Robert S. Fosburg was arrested on the charge of manslaughter for the purpose of bringing out facts which would tend to show the guilt of another party, and that he was aware of the plan and consented to being arrested. As was to be expected, this report was promptly and vigorously denied.

May Go to Maple Grove

A movement is on foot to have the plant of the Stevenson manufacturing company of Pittsfield, which is now controlled by J. H. Thorpe of this city, moved to Maple Grove and established in the vacant Greylock mill number 2. This is not certain as yet, but an effort is being made to secure it. If this was done, it would mean the employment of a large force from the start, and it is expected that the business would grow rapidly.

Fell Down Stairs

Mrs. Mary L. Bass fell down stairs at her home, 26 Spring street, yesterday afternoon, and was severely injured. Her left arm was broken, and she sustained injuries in the back and about the head. She is 66 years old, and on this account it will be a long time before she recovers. Mrs. Bass met with a similar accident last October at the home of her son, and was laid up for a long time with a broken rib as the result of it.

For the Firemen's Ball

A meeting of the firemen's ball committee was held last evening and arrangements for the ball to be held Tuesday evening, April 16, were made. R. L. Gardner of the protectives was appointed floor director, with these aids: Two from each company: Hose 1, Marcus Busby, Fred Courtz; hose 2, L. Breckenridge, Fred Bedell; hose 3, Robert Costine, Napoleon Johnson; hook and ladder, Andrew Ewing, Frank Chapel; hose 4, Michael Jennings, John E. McCarthy; hose 5, Humphrey and one to be chosen; protectives, Shelley Potter, J. A. Clegg, horn.

The reception committee and patronesses will be chosen later.

Berkshire Company Wins in Lee

The selectmen of Lee met yesterday afternoon and voted not to grant the Central Berkshire street railway company another hearing on its petition for a location in that town. The selectmen met again today and granted a franchise to the Berkshire company. It was given out by a member of the board of selectmen yesterday afternoon that the only matter before the board was the question of giving another hearing to the Central Berkshire company. This member stated that the selectmen had heard both sides and there was no occasion for a further hearing. He was satisfied that the members of the board could act as intelligently as if they heard the entire matter over again. The evidence offered at both hearings was practically the same.

Berkshire and Connecticut Connection
Plans are under way for the building of a trolley line from Bridgeport, Conn., to Ashley Falls. Such a line would connect with the proposed line to be built through Berkshire county. A number of Connecticut capitalists are behind the project. Surveys of some portions of the route have been made.

The proposed line runs north from Bridgeport about midway between the Naugatuck and Berkshire divisions of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. It would run through Huntington, Monroe, Southbury, Bethel, Morris, just east of Rantan lake, through Litchfield, Goshen and Norfolk, thence through the valley to Ashley Falls. The proposed line is about 60 miles in length. A survey is also to be made of a proposed branch from Litchfield through the Riverton and Colebrook districts to Winsted.

CONGREGATIONAL PARISH

Annual Meeting Held Last Night, Encouraging Financial Report

The annual meeting of the Congregational parish was held last evening, and the reports for the year were read and officers elected.
The report of the secretary, R. A. Thompson was read and accepted, and the report of the treasurer, C. W. Gallup, was also accepted. This latter was of a very encouraging nature. The parish ends the year with only a small deficit, which will be met by the pledges which are to be collected before the first of the month, when the new accounts begin. In addition to this, of the debt from the chapel fire amounting to over \$3800, all but \$125 has been paid.
It was voted that the expenses of the coming year be met by pledges, there being no discussion of the new rental system on which a vote of the church was taken last year.
The following officers were chosen: Clerk, J. B. Spruill; treasurer, C. W. Ford; trustee for three years, F. E. Carlisle; trustee for one year to fill vacancy, W. F. Darby; member of music committee for three years, John Christy; ushers, A. W. Hunter, J. B. Spruill, F. E. Carlisle, George F. King, George B. Flood, H. O. Lewis.
R. A. Thompson and C. W. Gallup, who have been clerk and treasurer for some years, were both re-elected to those positions, but declined to serve longer, and the election reported above were then made. The vacancy on the board of trustees was caused by the resignation of C. W. Ford, who had a year more to serve but who resigned on being made treasurer.

Special Premiums For the Fair

Dr. F. D. Stafford announced today the following list of special premiums for the cattle show.
C. H. Cutting & Co. offer a \$10 suit of clothes for the one making the largest and best exhibit of garden vegetables.
John Seasons offers \$2 worth of tea which will be given for the largest squash exhibit.
N. T. Gleason offers 10 pounds of coffee 5 pounds of which will be given for the best exhibit of potatoes and 5 pounds for the best exhibit of beets, turnips and pumpkins.
C. H. Derocier & Co. offer a pair of men's shoes which will be awarded to the one making the best exhibit of seeds in Class 4.
William Sullivan offers a \$5 chair which will be given to the exhibitor of the best stock cow.
E. M. Dickinson offers a nice picture for the best exhibit of oil paintings.
Tuttle & Bryant offer a pair of blankets for the best collection of lace work done by one person.
Pratt Brothers offer a pair of ladies' shoes which will be given for the best patchwork quilt.
The Burlingame & Darbys company will offer a \$3.50 carving set which will be given to the exhibitor of the best flock of sheep.
L. E. Higley offers an 8 day kitchen clock which will be given for the best exhibition of fruit.
The Wilson house drug store offers a \$5.00 toilet set which will be given for the best exhibition of canned fruit, jellies, wines and pickles.
E. Vadais offers a \$5 lap-robe which will be given for the best showing of thoroughbred swine.
J. B. Spruill offers a handsome jardiniere which will be given for the best exhibition of amateur photography work.
J. H. Cody offers a parlor table which will be given to the exhibitor of the best herd of cows.
McCraw & Tatro offer a nice dress pattern which will be given to the lady making the largest and best exhibit of embroidered articles.
Lonergan & Bissailon offer a \$5 boys' suit which will be given to the one making the best exhibit of poultry within the limits of the society.
Mrs. L. M. Hurd offers a \$2 music roll which will be given to the girl under 12 who exhibits the nicest piece of embroidery.
Alderman & Carlisle offer a set of table cutlery which will be given for the best exhibit of home-made butter.
H. A. Sherman offers a case of assorted canned goods which will be awarded to the exhibitor of the best thoroughbred cattle.
Gibert Maxwell offers a \$5 lamp which will be awarded for the best exhibition of knit and crocheted articles.
There are other premiums which do not appear in this list but will be published later in connection with the arrangements for the floral parade.

New Foreman of Plumbing

J. F. Church, who has been for some time foreman of the plumbing and steam fitting work at the Arnold print works, has placed his connection at the works. His place has been taken by W. J. Shaw of Phillips Brook, R. L. who has already begun his services.

VARNISH MAKES DEVOE'S VARNISH

Floor Paint cost 5c. more a quart; makes it look brighter and wear twice as long as cheaper floor paints. Sold by Alderman & Carlisle.

THE QUINCUPLEX GLASS CO.

The Glass Blowers open their unique exhibition at store, 13 Eagle street tonight. The company is a strong one of its kind and is highly recommended. The different cities in the state, Free crystal souvenir will be given to patrons. Open every afternoon at 2.30, and every evening at 7.30. Admission 10 cents.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Charles Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 68 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Burlingame & Darbys' drug

CITY BAND MATTERS

E. M. Nichols Again Chosen Leader. New Uniforms

The executive committee of the City band met last evening and elected E. M. Nichols as leader for the coming year. Mr. Nichols was chosen leader last summer, following the sudden death of Jasper Monroe, but declined to accept the position permanently, saying that he would lead the band until this spring, and then let a permanent choice be made. His work with the band has been most satisfactory and there was no other suggestion made last night than to re-elect him.
It was decided to secure new uniforms for the band, and this will be done within a short time. The band has been using the old uniforms since Leader Clapp left, as the new uniforms purchased within two or three years were his property.
The petition asking the city council for an appropriation of \$600 for open air band concerts is being freely signed, and will probably be presented to the council at the next meeting.

WAYS OF THE FOREST PEOPLE.

Wild Animals Have to Work Hard For Food and Lodging.
Paul B. Du Chailu was speaking of his experiences in Africa one day and happened to refer to animals as talking. "You think animals talk, then?" asked one of his hearers. "Does a monkey, too, instance, have a certain word or expression for water?"
"Probably not for water," said Mr. Du Chailu, "because monkeys in their natural state very seldom if ever drink water. They eat berries and fruits which contain water. But there is no doubt that animals talk in certain ways among themselves."
"I have watched gorillas a great deal. They have some humor in their make up. A number of times I have seen gorillas go to the plain fields of the natives to forage. Sometimes they would get there after a herd of elephants and struck the fields, and when a herd of elephants got through with a plain field there isn't much left on the field. Everything is trampled down flat. Well, I have seen gorillas come up to a field which had been thus devastated, and I have heard them laugh and guffaw for several minutes at the idea that they had been forestalled by the elephants. I could imagine an old gorilla saying:
"Ha, ha! That's a good joke! We knew these poor natives were growing plantains here, and we had just been keeping our eyes on the spot until the fruit should be ripe. And to think those big elephants got in ahead of us. Isn't that a good joke, though?"
"I have heard one gorilla call another which was seven or eight miles away when the first had found some berries in profusion, and I have seen monkeys apparently deliberate among themselves for a long time before making some move. That reminds me that animals have to work hard to get a living even in forests where there is an abundance of vegetation. Some animals travel miles every day to get food and then have all sorts of trouble in picking out a safe spot in which to rest for the night. That is where the elephants have hard work, in selecting a spot to rest. They seem to have the same hatred for snakes that human beings and most animals have. They will carefully trample around over a large section to drive away or kill snakes or small animals that may be around."—New York Sun.

Made the Text Apply.

A resident of New York named Hugh Hawthorne hid a number of bank notes between the leaves of his Bible and decided that it must be a hard criminal indeed who would look for material wealth instead of spiritual riches among the sacred pages. But just such a thief discovered the money. However, he took only \$25 of the \$55 there.
Before leaving Hawthorne's room the thief made several alterations in the biblical text. He changed the golden rule to "Do others, or they will do you." At another point he added a few words to the commandment and substantiated his particular conduct in this manner, "Thou shalt not steal more than enough for current expenses."

JACKSON'S FAMOUS COTTON BALES.

Even Though They Never Existed Their Memory Is Cherished.
"I was very much surprised to learn the other day," said a visitor from Burlington, Vt., at one of the hotels, "that Jackson had no cotton in his fortifications during the battle of New Orleans. Whether the younger generation is better advised I am unable to say, but the cotton bale legend is believed religiously by middle aged people all through the New England states. They are proud of it as a master example of what might be called Yankee cunning, and before you could shatter their faith in the story you could persuade them that Washington didn't cross the Delaware and that Benedict Arnold was a high minded American patriot."
"I attended public school when I was a boy at Greenfield, Mass.," continued the speaker, "and I remember distinctly the account of the battle of New Orleans that was given in our Intermediate History of the United States. I described the cotton bale fortifications as a happy inspiration which came to Jackson at the last moment as a possible means of offsetting the immense preponderance of the British forces. According to the narrative the cotton was piled up in a giant wall, and when the enemy's artillery opened fire the projectiles bounded back from its surface like rubber balls thrown against the side of a house. I remember that the incident tickled us boys immensely. We thought it was such a good joke on the Britishmen, and years after ward whenever anything would remind me of the battle of New Orleans I would instantly have a mental vision of a crown of astonished artillerymen dodging their own cannon balls. The small American loss was attributed solely to this remarkable piece of strategy, and the chapter was embellished with a full page wood cut, which is as clear to my mind's eye as if I had seen it yesterday. It represented what was evidently intended to be one of the fortifications—a solid, square sided, rectangular wall of bales, with regular apertures for cannon. On one side was a line of men dressed like the traditional dime novel trapper, each with a coonskin cap on his head and a rifle about nine feet long, and on the other side was a dense mass of British grenadiers, wearing what looked like bishops' miters. A number of cannon balls were seen lying on the ground outside, where they had bounded from the elastic rubber parts, and the grenadiers were plainly getting a good workout out of it."

"The picture stands today as the accepted New England version of the battle, and the man who attempted to pluck out those venerated cotton bales and substitute ordinary Mississippi river mud would have a disagreeable job on his hands. I would not like to undertake it."

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While in the city our buyers secured some extra bargains in Foulard Silks, imitation of Tucked Silks, Persians and Grenadines. These are all very attractive styles and priced this way:
Striped Taffetas—Fast dye, Bartholdi make. 75c a yard.
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By an examination of the above, you will readily see that each is a particularly good bargain.

To Late Fur Buyers!
The balance of our Furs go on sale Tuesday at about half what we did ask.
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MEN'S TURKEY SUPPER WEDNESDAY
The men of the Methodist church will serve a turkey supper tomorrow from 5 to 7 p. m. Supper 25 cents. Ice cream 10 cents extra. Following is the menu:
Vermont Turkey, Stuffed.
Jelly.
Baked Potatoes. Hot Rolls.
Wheat Bread. Brown Bread.
Baked Beans.
Pickles. Cabbage Salad.
Ice Cream and Cake.
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TOWN WARRANT

(Repairs Wanted for South and Water Streets. Article to Lower Street Railway Tracks.

The town warrant was posted yesterday and a copy is printed in today's Transcript. There are 29 articles, making a long warrant, but more than half of them refer to routine matters which will be disposed of quickly. Articles have been inserted for the improvement of South street from the point where the Gale road joins the street to Scott hill, and a sewer line is asked for to start near the junction of Gale road and South street to join the sewer system near the head of the street. During the past two years new summer homes have been built on the street and this summer another will be erected opposite the Tacoma golf grounds by E. P. Mann of Troy, N. Y., and at present there have been no sewer accommodations. The article asking for a granite curbing on Water street hill has been inserted to make the hill safer for travel. There is very little to be done by the town in the way of street improvements. The people on Cole avenue are after the street railway company again and will endeavor to have action taken to compel it to lower its tracks on that street. The place objected to is between Hall street and the grocery store of F. D. Noel, where the track is elevated slightly above the road, made so by the grading of the road some time ago. The article, No. 28, referring to street sprinkling, is for the purpose of compelling the contractor to sprinkle the streets in summer regardless of the condition of the hydrant water supply. The supporters of the article wish the contractor to secure water from some other source during such times so that the streets may always be kept free from dust, and they will endeavor to have a new contract with such stipulations drawn up.

INJURED BY FELLOW WORKMAN.

Noel Akey, a carpenter in the employ of the Williamstown manufacturing company, received a bad injury to his left forearm yesterday morning during an altercation in the machine shop of the mill. He became engaged in a dispute with Joseph Cornell as an outcome of a bit of fun, during which he alleges that Cornell struck him with some kind of an instrument which inflicted the injury. He raised his hand to protect his head and in that manner was struck on the forearm. A gash of semi-circular shape was cut from a point just below the elbow, opening the flesh to the bone. Dr. S. L. Lloyd was called and dressed the injury, taking twelve stitches to close it up. Mr. Cornell expressed regret at the outcome and it is probable that nothing further will come of the matter.

WILD ANIMALS IN TOWN.

Those who were on the streets early yesterday morning were treated to a sight that for a few minutes made them think they had "got 'em" surely for wild animals of every kind had full possession of the college campus. On the porch of Morgan hall was a big buffalo, from the top of the library a ferocious panther threatened to spring every instant. Flight was impossible, for a large bear guarded the campus. Wild west stories are no comparison to the thoughts that entered the minds of these people, and it is not to be wondered at that they gave a sigh of relief when they learned that they were simply the stuffed animals that belong to the college museum. During the night previous the students had been up to their pranks again and the above was part of their work.

WILLIAMSTOWN IN TOURIST BOOK.

General Passenger Agent D. J. Flinders of the Boston and Maine has written the proprietors of the several hotels and large summer boarding houses in town for any changes which they wish to have inserted in the next issue of the Boston and Maine tourist book. In the last book issued by the Fitchburg railroad Williamstown was

A REMEDY FOR THE GRIP.
A remedy recommended for patients afflicted with the Grippe is KEMP'S BALSAM, which is especially adapted for the throat and lungs. Don't wait for the first symptoms of the disease; get a bottle today and keep it for use the moment it is needed. If neglected the grippe has a tendency to bring on pneumonia. KEMP'S BALSAM prevents this by keeping the cough loose and the lungs free from inflammation. All drug stores sell KEMP'S BALSAM at 50c. and 50c.

ON THE TROLLEY.

The red is melting in the river,
The red is dying in the sky,
The evening star begins to quiver,
Belated birds go darting by—
Come, let us follow, follow, follow,
And find how fine it is to fly.

By pine woods where when noon was sunny,
The air with spicy odors flowed,
By gardens full of sweets and honey,
Where summer long the trees have glowed,
By weary wife and loitering lover,
Come, flash along the river road.

The forest wall across the river
Darkens within the curling tide,
The fragrant winds about us shiver,
We rock, we raise, we rush, we ride,
Thrilled with the sweep of airy models
And glad because the world is wide!

The night soars up the purple spaces,
The whirling winds divide the deep,
Strange gleams are on familiar places,
Swift lightning underneath us leap,
As forward flying, flying, flying,
Upon the thunderbolt we sweep!
—Harriet Prescott Spofford in Youth's Companion.

Compensative Suffering.
Author—You have noticed, of course, that the suffering of the heroine is intended to be terrible in the first act. Critic (who has just read the play)—Still it'll be as naught in comparison with the suffering of the audience along toward the last act.—Chicago News.

Compensation.
"I wonder why Mrs. de Style always wears a gown out so very low in the neck."
"Well, you know she is a trifle weak as to ancestry."—Dwight Journal.

Four dollars to improve South street between "the Gale road," so-called, and the Scott hill road.

Art. 18—To see what action the town will take relative to a by-law prohibiting the driving of cattle through Main street, North street, South street, and Park street, and such other streets in said Williamstown as may be designated, and to attach a penalty for the infraction of such law.

Art. 19—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a sewer from a point near the junction of the Gale road and South street to connect with the sewer system of the town for the purpose of providing an outlet for sewage from the properties on South street which are now without proper privileges.

Art. 20—To see what action the town will take in regard to lowering the electric railway roadbed on Cole avenue in front of C. A. Roebuck's premises, being in its present condition very inconvenient and unsafe for the abutters and the public generally crossing and recrossing the road at and near said point.

Art. 21—To see what action the town will take in regard to repairs on the almshouse at the town farm or for the sale of said farm.

Art. 22—To take proceedings for a charter, extending the powers of the fire district.

Art. 23—To take proceedings for excluding the town and fire district from the exemption of Williams college proportionate taxation on its estates.

Art. 24—To take proceedings for ensuring rateable assessments and taxation of Williams college on its unexempted estates.

Art. 25—To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$300 for granite curbing, 5 inches by 18 inches, same to be placed on Water street hill, east side, beginning at a point of driveway to C. S. Cole's house to north corner of the Dumfries house, also the laying of a stone cobble gutter same length, three feet wide, all to be done in a workman like manner.

Art. 26—To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$100 to gravel Southworth avenue from Main street sidewalk to Church street.

Art. 27—To see if the town will open the street connecting Southworth avenue with Park street, as accepted by the town in 1896.

Art. 28—To see if the town will cancel the sprinkling contract now held by George H. Prindle or amend same so as to secure the adequate sprinkling of the streets at all times of the season to the general satisfaction of the district.

Art. 29—To see what action the town will take in regard to Chapter 389 of the acts of 1900, which says that cities and towns shall pay a salary to sealers of weights and measures.

All votes for officers required to be chosen by ballot, except moderator, must be presented on one ballot.

The polls may be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same in two or more public places in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fall not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there on to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands, this Ninth day of March, 1901.

C. G. SANFORD,
GEO. W. SWEET,
A. B. ANDREWS,
Selectmen of Williamstown.

A true copy attested:
JOSEPH RICHARDS,
Constable of Williamstown.

NOTICE TO VOTERS. Registration

Office of the Board of Registrars of Voters, town of Williamstown. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session at the selectmen's office on Saturday, March 3, 1901, from 3 to 6 p. m., and from 7 to 9 p. m. Wednesday, March 13, 1901, from 3 to 6 p. m., and from 7 to 9 p. m. Saturday, March 16, 1901, from 12 m. to 10 p. m. Monday, March 11, at the Idlewild, South Williamstown, from 7 to 9 p. m.

E. B. NOEL,
PERRY A. SMEDLEY,
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Supported by the promise of several of the wealthiest men of the United States that sufficient money for its completion shall be forthcoming, the committee of the alumni association of the United States Naval academy has had completed the plans for a colossal naval arch and water gate to be erected at the Battery in New York, says The Herald.

These plans are for a water gate and arch of white marble, to cost nearly a million dollars. The top of the massive quadriga surmounting it will tower 165 feet in the air.

According to Park Benjamin, the chairman of the committee, the arch will be located on the sea wall of the Battery at the foot of Broadway, so that the top of the quadriga will be visible from that street as far north as the postoffice. Two abutments, lighted by great beacons, will extend about 30 feet into the bay. Inside of these the walls will be dug away, making a landing of about 150 feet wide, at which visiting dignitaries can be received. Great wide steps of white marble will lead to the arch.

The latter, which will be made of pure white marble, will be 125 feet high by 125 feet wide and 40 feet thick. Colossal figures of John Paul Jones and Admiral Farragut will stand on its front. Beneath these will be their famous orders to their sailors: "Strike no flag; we haven't begun to fight yet," and "Damn the torpedoes! Go ahead." At the rear, facing the city, will be similar figures of Commodore Perry and Captain Lawrence, with the inscriptions, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours," and "Don't give up the ship." Inside the arch, four on each side, will be statues of famous naval commanders.

Great seals of the United States will adorn the front. The seals of the state and city of New York will be affixed at the back. On the side will be those of the navy and of the Naval academy. Tablets bearing the names of famous naval commanders will be secured to the upper part over the arch. On the inner summit will be emblazoned in great characters, "To the Navy." From the rear a wide marble walk of road lined with statues will extend to Broadway.

TO EXAMINE THE ENGAGED.

Indiana Senate Wants Physical Examination Before Marriage.

The Indiana senate has passed a bill which is destined to limit divorces in Indiana by preventing ill chosen marriages.

The bill provides for the appointment of a commission by the governor which shall be composed of two women who are mothers, two physicians of conceded ability and one attorney of high standing, who shall prepare rules for the government of officers in the issuance of marriage licenses and of ministers in performing ceremonies, and examinations shall be made of all applicants for licenses, and no marriage shall be celebrated in the state unless the requirements are complied with. The idea back of the bill is to require physical examinations and an inquiry into the parentage of the applicants to the end that their union may be prevented in the event that conditions inimical to the welfare of society should be foreshadowed as a result of marriage.

A Remarkable Spaniel.

A black cocker spaniel has hit upon a pleasure so novel in canine society that it deserves recording, says the New York Post. A young lady of the family to which he belongs once teased him by scuffling about the rug of her home until she could give an electric spark of considerable snap and then discharging it upon the nose of her pet, the spaniel. Not long after this abuse the dog was observed to roll upon the rug entirely of his own accord and then to run to the brass bedsteads and obtain a spark. This he continues to do, and his own observations seem to have taught him that he must approach metal in order to receive the spark. In one room he runs to the bedstead, in another to the register, and as he licks his nose after the pricking of the spark he never fails to wag the remains of his tail, and his face assumes a decided expression of pleasure.

A Pretty Present.

Appropos of Queen Wilhelmina's numerous wedding presents a very simple but highly prized offering were two pure white doves, with bows of orange ribbon tied about their necks, which were brought to the palace in a basket by two little girls and smilingly accepted by the young queen, who is very fond of birds.

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NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

Novel Experiment Being Made by Y. W. C. A. of Kansas City.

On the top floor of The Times building, situated at the Junction, the busiest corner of Kansas City, the penny restaurant for young women has just been established by the Y. W. C. A. It is operated on the "cafeteria" plan, where each woman takes her tray and empty dishes to the steam table containing the viands, is helped to what she desires and then carries it to one of the tables in the room. This plan of waiting upon oneself has never been tried in this city before, and the curiosity to see it drew a large crowd of women to the luncheon for the opening day.

Getting in line for dinner is a novel experience for most people. Yet this is what happened at the luncheon on its opening day. Nobody knew just what to do, and the fun of finding out did much toward establishing the luncheon upon a basis of popularity. As each woman comes from the steam table she sets her tray in front of a young woman sitting at a table, who gives her a check to the amount of what she has ordered. When she has finished her meal, she carries her tray back to the kitchen. An unusually low scale of prices prevails. The usual bill of fare is as follows:

Soups, 5 cents; meats, 5 cents; sandwiches, two for 5 cents; one slice of bread, 1 cent; one roll butter, 1 cent; hot roll, 1 cent; coffee, 3 cents; hot milk, 3 cents; cold milk, 3 cents; cocoa, 3 cents; cheese, 1 cent; three olives, 1 cent; pickled onions, 1 cent; cucumber pickles, 1 cent, and cookies, two for 3 cents.

For the privilege of lunching here and of using the lounging room, which has been very prettily fitted up, a fee of 25 cents a month is asked, amounting to about a penny a day. Of those who do not take out membership tickets a guest fee of 5 cents is required. Even including this 15 cents will procure an excellent lunch, and this has been the maximum price of a meal. The luncheon is an attractive place. The color scheme is dark green. A wainscot extends around the room, and above this is a dark green paper with startlingly large yellow flowers. The table and chairs have been painted dark green, the latter having leather seats. The tables are uncovered, save for white dolly centerpieces under the water bottles. In the deep seated windows the glasses, silverware, sugar and salt are arranged, and every one who lunches here has to go to the windows to help herself to these.

COLONY FOR VETERANS.

Organization Planned to Provide Homes For Old Soldiers.

A grand colonization scheme which is organized to provide homes for soldiers has been formulated in Indiana. The corporation covers the states of Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, South Dakota and Illinois. The scheme includes the acquisition by the association of a large tract of land in Oklahoma territory, options on 80,000 acres having already been secured.

A committee of seven will be in charge of the colony, one from each of the states represented, and the election of these committeemen will be held at stated intervals. There is no expectation of profit by any individual, the colony being on a co-operative basis. Ten thousand shares are issued at \$25 each, and all have been taken by veterans who want to improve their condition.

For every share of stock the holder is entitled to one vote in the meetings. Each member is entitled also to the equivalent of land at the appraised value for each share of stock he takes. It is the intention to lay out a city in the center of the colony, which will be established in the eastern part of the territory.

One Clergyman Who Was Welcomed.

President McKinley has been more or less pestered during his term of office by the visits of clergymen, who have almost invariably sought to improve each shining hour by delivering homilies upon the grave responsibilities and duties of the nation's chief executive. One day, says a correspondent, he received courteously a clergyman who had been brought in to him. Finally he said, "I am now ready to hear what you have to say."

"Oh, bless you, sir," said Mr. F., "I have nothing especially to say. I merely called to pay my respects to you, and, as one of the million, to assure you of my hearty sympathy and support."

She's Nail Driving Champion.

For supremacy in nail driving five young Reading (Pa.) women contested in a public hall in that city. They were each required to drive a dozen large nails into a hard three inch plank with a small hammer. The task was rather a difficult one for an experienced mechanic to perform. Miss Long, however, went at the work in a manner quickly showing that she knew a thing or two about driving nails and could give old time carpenters points. She drove the 12 nails into the board in five minutes, easily winning first prize and championship honors.

A writer in "The Celestial Empire" declares that the governor of the Kirin district in China beheads over 500 criminals every year, and yet brigandage continues a scourge of the province.

"Holland" is said to be an abbreviation of "hol'."

A Story of Senator Vest.

Senator Vest is older than his years in fact as well as in appearance. He is ill and despondent and refuses to take a cheerful view of life. Nevertheless his mind is one of the brightest in the senate. One day he sank into his chair, saying to his neighbor, "I am an old man, and I'll never get over this." "Come, come, Vest, brace up," replied his neighbor; "brace up, and you'll be all right. Look at Morrill over there. He's nearly 90 and is as spry as a man of 40." "Morrill, Morrill," said Vest. "He's set for eternity. They'll have to shoot him on the day of judgment."—Harper's Weekly.

THE old Greek, Epictetus, said that for every man the world was divided into two parts:—the things which concern him and the things that do not concern him. Into which class will you put Chase & Sanborn's Sea Brand Coffee? Does it concern you? Let us answer this question by asking another. Does your breakfast concern you? Does your mental activity in the morning concern you? Does your strength for prolonged exertion concern you? Seal Brand Coffee means all three. Try it just one week.

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DREAM THOUGHTS.

How often does the shadow of some stone,
While tolling at the gate of heaven and shock,
Find in the heart space of a severed rock,
The impress of some form that once had grown,
Full of smiling life and color and
Deep in the forest where the shadows flock,
Till, caught within the adamantine block,
It lay for ages hidden and unknown!
So many a beautiful thought blooms in the mind,
But, unexpressed, dwindle down into the soul
And lie unuttered in the silence there
Until some power of the soul shall find
That fertile, seedling dream complete and whole
And carved of its beauty past compare!
—Alfred & Donaldson in Outlook.

THE SPECTER OF GORUCKPOOR

BY M. QUAD.

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The garrison of Goruckpoor in the province of Oude, India, in the year 1802 consisted of 4,000 men, and about half of these were split up into small detachments and stationed here and there in the north to keep order among the hill men and punish raiding dacoits. Dacoits are bands of robbers under command of a chief who holds a religious influence over them, and they are yet the pests of India along the foothills of the Himalayas. They are daring men and hard fighters, and very few British soldiers who fall into their hands are spared.

We of the Fourth, comprising 80 men, were stationed during the year 1802 almost as far north as the borders of Nepal. We had plenty of skirmishing with the dacoits for a time, but finally dealt them such heavy blows that they drew off and left us in peace. We were in the midst of what seemed to be peace when the government dispatched a large train of treasure and military supplies from Goruckpoor for Gheerka. Colonel Kemble, who had been ordered to take command of the garrison at the latter place, being just back from a year's leave of absence in England, was with the train, and the whole was escorted by 250 cavalrymen. The route for the



"DO YOU SEE THAT BOY SITTING ON THE CHEST?"

train brought it past our station, where it rested for a day and then moved on. In a little while to the north of us it was ambushed by over a thousand dacoits and suffered a severe misfortune. There was not only a heavy loss in killed and wounded, but the treasure and a portion of the supplies were captured and run off.

The remainder of the train returned to us and went into camp until reinforcements could come up, and the bullet-headed, tyrannical Colonel Kemble, whose obstinacy and recklessness had brought about the disaster, proceeded to make it red-hot for everybody. Any set of men except British soldiers would have mutilated and taken his life. Hagging over his defeat and feeling his helplessness, he ordered out detachments and commanded them to bring in every native they could overhaul. It was a well populated country, with hundreds of loyal natives to be picked up, but the colonel proceeded to look upon each and every one as guilty of having had a hand in the attack on the train. More than a score were shot or hung offhand, while others were whipped at the post or ordered out of the district. It was a reign of terror for three weeks, and the end was a fitting one.

My own detachment one day brought in a mere boy whom we had found cowering in a thicket. I do not believe he had the slightest knowledge of the ambush or took any part in it. He was a timid lad, whose father had been one of the first ones hanged, and he was so frightened that but little could be got out of him. The colonel bulldozed and browbeat him and finally ordered his execution on the ground that he was a spy. It was only when he knew that he must die that the young fellow braced up and showed his courage, and as he was being led away to execution he said to the colonel:

"Sahib Colonel, I am innocent, and you will be punished for my death. You may shoot me and bury my body, but my spirit will follow you to the grave."

Half an hour later he was dead, but he was the last one to be executed. That evening as the colonel entered the officers' mess tent for supper all of us noticed that he had a queer, troubled look on his face and that he cast furtive glances behind him. After a bit he tried to be jocular, but the effort was a failure. He said something about not feeling well, but nobody dared question him. At midnight that night we got an explanation. The colonel called the sentinel into his tent, and with white face and trembling voice and the perspiration standing out on his forehead he said:

"Man, do you see that boy sitting on the chest?"

"I see nobody, sir," replied the sentinel.

"He is there, I tell you! He followed me to mess and back, and he has been here in plain sight all the evening. Take him away!"

"But there's nobody here, sir."

And there wasn't. The sentinel called in two officers, who looked and searched in vain and assured Colonel Kemble that no boy was present. He tried to turn it off with a laugh, but in less than 24 hours every man in camp knew that the colonel was haunted by a specter. He made a brave effort to bluff it out, but it was useless. The specter followed at his heels by day and sat by his bedside at night, and in a week the strong, aggressive man

was becoming a mental wreck. He turned to us for pity and sympathy, but we had little to give. He had been brutal in his vengeance.

The surgeon looked upon the case at first as some disorder of the brain, but later on acknowledged that it was something beyond his medicine. No one else could see the specter. The colonel would say that it sat beside him or stood in the door, but there was nothing for other eyes to rest upon. He would draw his sword and cut and slash and thrust at the specter, but he could not harm it. By the surgeon's advice he was returned to Goruckpoor. It was reported as a case of breaking down ever mental anxiety, but hundreds of people came to know better. The specter followed him back, followed him to the house of a friend, sat with him through every night and degged at his heels through every hour of the day. He could no more shake it off than he could change the color of his eyes. He made the gamiest sort of fight, knowing that his future career was at stake, and at length all men came to pity him—pity him and avoid him as one accursed. He was medically treated, given brief furloughs and every effort made to build him up, but at the end of eight months, every day and every night of which had been a terror to him, he ended by blowing out his brains.

Was it a case of a man haunted by a spirit seeking revenge? It was not so reported officially, but from first to last and from the highest to the lowest, and this includes two surgeons, it was fully and firmly believed that it was, and the unenviable affair had a great influence over other officers in their future treatment of the natives.

History of the "Hiss."

There is not an actor, an actress, a vocalist or other public performer, including the politician, but must be interested in the hiss and its origin.

Dr. Alastair Wells in the Humanitarian tells, under the title of "Before Babel," of his researches as to the prevailing language before the "confusion of tongues."

Referring to the aforesaid awesome word, he writes: "Perhaps the syllable as (st. ts, sh) is one of the oldest sounds in animated nature, as it undoubtedly is one of the simplest to produce."

"Vocalized in the English hiss (hiss, hiss) we find the pure syllable adopted by beasts, birds and reptiles as an expressive of the warning in times of stress."

"Even the crustacean cirripeds can produce the sound, when there is an adjacent source of danger," although they are not supplied with a proper vocal apparatus.

"Besides acting as a warning not to its own kind, some predatory animals, as, for instance, some of the smaller carnivora and certain snakes, utter the sound in a minatory manner to ward off objectionable intruders from their lair."

"Equivalent in the former case to the expressions 'Keep quiet,' 'Stand still,' a hiss is censured in its more widely known sense among animals of different species as 'Come forward at your peril,' impressing a visitor in search of hospitality much in the same way as did the legend 'Cave canem,' on the threshold of a Roman mansion."

The paragraph concludes sagely: "Our English hiss is mainly restricted to the use of dissatisfied playgoers. The sound here retains its primitive meaning—a warning note."

He Barred Newcastle.

When Edward VII. as Prince of Wales visited America in 1890, Canada went wild over him, and in Detroit and Chicago the crowds were so dense that the party could scarcely reach their hotel. So many were the receptions, dinners and other social functions in which the prince participated that he finally broke down through sheer fatigue and overexertion. The Duke of Newcastle, who was the prince's companion, decided, therefore, to stop off on their way to St. Louis at Dwight Station, a quiet village famous for its shooting. The prince brought down a bag of 14 brace of quail and four rabbits. But the pleasure of the day was marred by the following incident:

As the royal party approached a farmhouse an unmistakable British settler appeared at the door and invited every one except the Duke of Newcastle to enter.

"Net you, Newcastle!" he shouted. "I have been a tenant of yours and have sworn that you shall never set a foot on my land."

Accordingly the party passed on, and the farmer, though revenged on his old landlord, had to forego the honor of entertaining royalty under his roof.

Dunning the Dead.

A Grundy county (Kan.) physician recently sent to the address of one of his patients a bill for professional services and within ten days received the following letter written on the back of his memorandum:

"Dear Sir this note was put in my box by mistake I can't the man he's dead and sinned any relation of mine any way. I don't see how your consensum will let you dunn the dead. Why don't you live a better christen live and live and try to meat that man who led in heaven which is worth near that \$40 to enny doctor."

Wasted Sympathy.



"I can't see how a poor little boy, you can afford to make cigars."

"Lady, you wrong me. Allow me state that I'm not poor. My father's plumber."—New York Evening Journal.

"I am so glad you are well, Dear Sister."



This picture tells its own story of sisterly affection. The older girl, just budding into womanhood, has suffered greatly with those irregularities and menstrual difficulties which sap the life of so many young women.

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NO HARM DONE.

The Only Injury Was to the Author's Pocketbook.

"I was at Elk Rapids, Mich., one summer," said the bookman, "and as I was strolling around one day I met an Indian with a dog. It was a real Indian dog, long bodied, short legged and the homeliest canine I ever looked at. I had no sooner set my eyes on him than I felt like throwing clubs and running him into Lake Michigan. The Indian saw my feelings in my face and said:

"'The dog up. You throw. One cent a throw.'"

"The idea tickled me, and I told him to go ahead. While he was trying the dog to a bush I collected a handful of stones from the beach and got ready for business. The Indian drew a line within 30 feet of my canine and told me to go ahead, while he picked up a stick to tally as I threw. I didn't want to knock that dog's head off or break one of his legs, but I did want to plunk him once or twice for his looks. I thought it would be the easiest thing in the world, but that was where I made a great mistake. As true as you are, I threw exactly 100 stones at that dog, at a cent a stone, and never grazed him. He was tied by a long rope, and as he was lightning on the dodge. At the hundredth stone I gave up in disgust, and next day I made up my mind to hit that dog or die. On that day it cost me \$1.70 for throws, and still no hits. In the third day it cost me \$2, and at the end of a week I was out \$7 and hadn't a tally. I was getting hot shouldered, nearsighted and ugly tempered, and my wife coaxed me to give up throwing and go fishing. The Indian and his dog were on tap, as usual, and when I turned them down the crafty old book smiled blandly and said:

"'All right. You come back next year and throw more—throw thousand times—throw ten thousand times—and I make wholesale, and maybe you hit dog!'"

M. QUAD.

Ex-Senators' Orders Don't Go.

The difference between a senator and an ex-senator was forcibly illustrated the other day when Mr. Marion Butler of Honeycutt's, N. C., stepped into the senate elevator at Washington, says the New York Sun. There is a rigid rule requiring the elevator to go up or down as a senator wishes, without any regard to what its intention had previously been. Thus if an elevator was going down it would change its mind and go up if a senator happened to be going that way. There were several passengers when the elevator stopped on the senate floor on its way from the basement to the gallery. Mr. Butler stepped in and said in the usual senatorial tone, "Down." But the elevator went up without a word of explanation from the conductor. Mr. Butler looked surprised for a moment and then "tumbled."

She Certainly Had Reason.

Because her husband, Wm. H. Beebe, has taken but two baths during their entire married life, a year and a half, his wife, Agnes, asked the Circuit court to grant her a divorce and restore to her her maiden name of Kimmer.

SAYS HE'LL LIVE FOREVER.

Kentucky Evangelist Founders New Seat of Nonresidents.

"I have been dead and buried and raised again from the dead, and now I shall live forever," is the announcement of Marion Hays, the leader of a new faith, who says he has come to save the world.

Certainly Hays' plan follows the strictest economical principles, for one of the chief tenets of his belief is a total abstinence from all food and drink. Needless to say he is not gaining many disciples.

A reporter interviewed Elliott, a disciple. Hays was conducting a personal conversation with a few angels and other heavenly visitors, so he would not be seen, Elliott said:

"Are you going to live forever?" asked the reporter.

"I hope so, and when I have reached that blessed state when I shall be so pure that I have neither hunger nor pain I know I shall," replied Elliott.

"Then you have not yet reached that state? You still have pain?"

"Yes," moaned the disciple, "here," and he placed his hands upon his stomach.

"You see, I am not yet pure," he added apologetically.

There are several other disciples, but none of them is yet pure. County gossip says that Hays suffered for years from indigestion.

A Professional Difficulty.



She—Oh, Adair, our love will make earth a paradise for us, won't it, dear, so that we shall forget that there is any earthly suffering?

He—Excuse me, darling. You must remember that I'm a dentist!

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Mr. Perkins won his high position in the business world by incessant industry and application. He was 39 years old on Jan. 31 last. He is a director in the New York Security and Trust company and of the National City bank. His most conspicuous public service has been as president of the New York and New Jersey commission for preserving the Palisades. In prosecuting



this work he has displayed energy and ability that friends of the movement deem chiefly responsible for the success achieved.

Mr. Perkins' rise in the world of finance has been phenomenally rapid. He was born on Jan. 31, 1862, in Chicago. When his father was manager of the Ohio agency of the New York Life, he became an office boy in the Cleveland office. He was then 15 years old. He was soon promoted to a clerkship and then became cashier of the office. Soon afterward he was made inspector of agencies for the western department, his territory embracing 20 states. He held this position for several years.

When John A. McCall became president of the company in 1892, he found the agency force and business in this western department in such a flourishing condition that he at once offered Mr. Perkins the position of third vice president, and the young westerner gained more laurels in his new position. He was elected second vice president April 13, 1894.

Insurance men regard Mr. Perkins as easily the leader in America of all organizers of agencies and in field work. Mr. Perkins has particularly distinguished himself in the foreign field. In 1897 he settled to the satisfaction of all concerned difficult problems that had arisen between his company and several European governments. He straightened out complications that had arisen with Austria and obtained the readmission of the company to Switzerland. In 1898 he gained new concessions for his company from Austria. Through his skillful diplomacy a concession was granted in 1899 to do business in Prussia. The vote of the council of ministers on the question was unanimously in his favor.

One of Mr. Perkins' feats abroad was to induce the Prussian government to appoint a board of experts to pass upon the latest report of the company. In 1897 he negotiated the first loan of a foreign government ever placed in New York, the Russian loan of 20,000,000 rubles. He was the chief promoter of the English loan and the German loan last year. All of these loans were notable for their success.

THEY PRAY CEASELESSLY.

Peculiar Kansas Sect and Their Tower of Continuous Prayer.

Prayer is common to all religious sects, but it remains for Topeka to house a new band of enthusiasts, who in a tower known as the "Tower of Prayer" continually offer up petitions. These enthusiasts have founded what is known as the Bethel Gospel school and, as may be imagined, practice a unique kind of religion.

There are 40 students in the school. They pray for what they get and get what they pray for. They do not work, yet they have plenty to eat and wear. They say the Lord provides. The school was established last September, and since that time only one student has quit.

The school is conducted in an edifice known as "Stone's Folly." The house cost \$40,000. It is built on the order of an old feudal castle, three full stories, with 30 rooms. The drawing room is used by the students for a chapel. It is the tower which commands a fine view of the city and surrounding country that is known as the praying tower.

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ADAMS

FROM TAX COLLECTOR BURDICK'S REPORT.

Tax collector Burdick has prepared his report for the town and following are a few facts taken from it: Amount for collection, \$106,315.46, ex-cise, Hoosac Valley street railway, \$198.90; sidewalks and sewers, \$325.59; total, \$107,039.95. The uncollected taxes amount to \$4,434.62.

More than one-third of the uncollected taxes are due from the Mannesmann Cycle Tube works. The taxes of the company have not been paid for the past three or four years and are likely to stay unpaid until the selectmen take some action.

Collector Burdick a year or two ago advertised the property at Zylonite for sale at public auction to satisfy the town's claim but several days before the sale, an attorney for the company placed an injunction and prevented the sale. Accordingly it did not take place.

A local attorney has stated that it is the duty of the selectmen to call for a hearing on the injunction and try the case. Surely there must be a way that the town can collect and it would seem that Mr. Burdick has done his

duty. There is no reason why taxes that amount to the thousands should not be collected as well as the single poll tax. No corporation ought to be given any more leeway than a private citizen and it is seldom that the latter's home is often sold to satisfy a tax bill. At whose door is carelessness or procrastination to be laid?

WILD DUCKS WINTERING HERE.

According to reports a small flock of wild ducks have been wintering in this vicinity this season. On several occasions they have been seen in the Hoosac river near Valley park and two weeks ago Saturday a flock flew over this town and went to the river at Cheshire Harbor. Arthur Sherman, a local hunter shot one on the wing, and Cheshire hunters killed a couple in the river, east of the Cheshire depot.

James Nimmo, janitor at St. Thomas' church, has one wild duck which he caught in St. Thomas' church yard several weeks ago. The bird had hurt its wing and was unable to fly. He killed it and had it stuffed.

COMPANY M CONTRIBUTES \$25.00.

The regular meeting and drill of Company M was held Monday evening. The company voted to contribute \$25 to the support of the regimental team which

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M. Appel, Proprietor.

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competes annually at the state shoot at Walnut Hill, near Boston. At the officers' meeting in Springfield, recently, it was agreed that every company should contribute \$25 for the support of the team and the same amount will be donated from headquarters. This fund will serve to allow the members to meet and practice and will undoubtedly result in better marksmanship.

"BESIDE THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH."

Tomorrow evening in the opera house Albert Armstrong under the auspices of the class of 1901 of the high school, will give his pictorial recital "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush." Mr. Armstrong and his recital come highly recommended and there is every reason to believe that the entertainment will be very pleasing. The tickets have sold well and a large attendance is expected. The receipts of the entertainment are to be donated to the class reception fund. The reception is held annually in Forest park pavilion after the commencement exercises.

JURORS FOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CHOSEN.

The regular meeting of the selectmen was held Monday afternoon and routine business together with the closing of final accounts for the town report was transacted. The following grand jurors for the March term of the United States district court were chosen: William H. Arnold and Daniel Keegan; and the petit jurors are Edwin G. Ingraham, Alfred E. Maynard and Samuel P. Hawthorn.

BOY STOLE WATCH, CHAIN AND CHARM.

John Michaels, aged ten years, was in court this morning charged with larceny. It was alleged that he stole a watch, chain and charm from a German shoemaker, named Adolph Boehm of Summer street. The theft occurred a few days ago and the police on being notified had reasons to suspect Michaels, whose real name is Gagnon. In court the boy confessed and was very sorry. He returned the watch and chain to the police and during a continuance of the case, promised to get the charm.

ARRESTED FOR FRAUD AND PEDDLING WITHOUT A LICENSE.

W. H. Rutland was in court this morning charged with fraud and peddling without license. He has been working in North Adams and sells scissors and needles. A few days ago a package came to him by express at the local office and it is alleged he obtained them in an unlawful way. The officers also charged him with selling his goods without a license. The case was heard and judgment was withheld.

BROKE THE SHOW CASE.

The heavy wind did damage on Park street this morning. M. Appel, who conducts the new millinery and dry goods store in Mausert's block, has a couple of show cases which he places outside his store on the sidewalk as an advertisement. A gust of wind blew one of them over this morning and smashed it and the goods exhibited were scattered on the street. The case cost about \$75 and was not insured.

William Phillips of Huntington visited H. J. Arnold of Summer street Tuesday.

E. A. Thatcher was in Greenfield Tuesday on business.

John Lawson of Renfrew is reported as having purchased the double tenement block of Benjamin Barrett of Zylonite.

The regular meeting of the Sons of St. George was held Monday evening and one new application was received for membership was acted upon and initiation will take place at the next meeting. Deputy Grand President Mort of North Adams attended the meeting.

The advance sale of seats for "The Killies" Canada's crack military band at the Richmond theater will go on sale at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The band will give two concerts Saturday.

The advance sale of tickets for Prof. Howes' moving picture entertainment to be given in the opera house next Monday evening goes on sale at Mole's drug store Thursday morning. It is under the auspices of the ladies aid of the Congregational church.

A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. George Kearns of Renfrew. The regular Lenten services will be held at St. Thomas church this evening. Rev. Fr. Ryan of Pittsfield will preach.

Rev. T. H. McLaughlin attended an anniversary requiem mass at Pittsfield Monday, for the late Rev. Fr. Smith.

Lawyer T. F. Cassidy is still confined to the house, though he is reported as improving.

The Renfrew Caledonian club will meet this evening.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will serve supper this evening. The regular meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be held in the Congregational house this evening.

The Sons of Veterans will meet this evening.

Miss Elsie Burnett, who has been teaching in North Orange, has returned to her home in Savoy Center for a short vacation.

At Saturday's session of the board of registration six new names were added to the list of voters.

Mrs. Abbie Deming and daughter, Miss Ruth, who recently sold their farm in Savoy, have moved to this town where they will make their home.

William Tower, who has been working in the Renfrew stone mill in Columbia street, expects to return to his home in Florida.

The annual meeting of the Adams fire district will be held Saturday afternoon, March 30.

G. N. Yeaton has returned from New York.

Miss Margaret Broderick, milliner, has returned from New York where she purchased a line of spring millinery.

Mrs. Rue Kalitzky will open her dressmaking and millinery parlors in the store vacated by A. J. Hurd, April 26th.

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Mr. H. M. Stroll, who is a well-known passenger trainman on the Boston and Maine Railroad, suffered, as many railroad men do, with kidney and other troubles. He writes as follows:

"My kidneys troubled me a great deal, my bowels were very irregular. I had great distress in my stomach, suffered with bilious headaches, had no appetite, could not sleep at night, and was losing flesh rapidly. I began to take Vinol, I am now on my third bottle, and it is doing wonders for me. My kidneys are better, my bowels are again regular, my stomach no longer troubles me, and no more headaches, and as for appetite, don't speak of it. I sleep like a top and have gained thirteen pounds. You can count on me always to recommend Vinol as the king of medicines."

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To the Public:

The public is notified that the firm of Steinberg and Low have opened new ladies' and gents' tailoring parlors at 30 Spring street, over William Urban & Sons' store. Mr. Steinberg will give his undivided attention in the future as in the past to gents' tailoring and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of the latest suit patterns, in the latest styles.

Also Mr. Low, who formerly was in the employ of Maxy of North Adams and recognized as one of the best ladies' tailors in Massachusetts and he will give his individual attention to all kinds of ladies' tailoring. The parlors are nicely fitted up in metropolitan style. Fur work a specialty including all kinds of repairing furs and keeping them in proper style.

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A tenement with modern conveniences. Apply at 16 West street, Adams.

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Two experienced girls to work at dressmaking; good wages paid. Apply at 8 South Adams.

THE BOXER'S FINISH.
ONE BOUT THAT SETTLED HIS PUGILISTIC AMBITION.

He Didn't Know the Man He Ran Up Against Until He Came Back to Consciousness, After Having Seen a Large Display of Stars.

"When I was much younger," said the portly government official, "I was a husky young fellow, chesty and easy about my pugilistic ability. I got the boxing boot on my bonnet and practiced hard with the gloves every night. I had been sparring with fellows in my gymnasium for about six months and picking up what I thought was a whole lot of cleverness, when I moved to a boarding house on Pierpont street, in Brooklyn. I had a room on the top floor of this boarding house. The top floor's rooms were all occupied by young fellows like myself--law and medical students, newspaper chaps and that sort. It was rather a scapegrace lot, and I got acquainted with most of them immediately. I had a lot of athletic gear along with me--clubs, dumbbells, weight pulling machines and stuff--and from the jump I gave these floor mates of mine to understand that I was some considerable pumpkins as an athlete. When I showed 'em my boxing gloves, I was particular to tied up the fist of the fellow present was my one particular graft, and I think I modestly threw the hint out that I'd never yet met a man of my weight that could put the gloves on with me in the amateur class. For a couple of nights running I let them look at me in the act of punching a bag I had suspended from the ceiling of my room, and they all agreed, I think, that I'd be rather an unsafe proposition to get added up with in a scrap."

"One of the occupants of that top floor was away when I struck the house, and he didn't return until I had been in the house for about a week. When he got back, the other fellows introduced me to him. I didn't catch his name at the time, but he didn't strike me as being a very cheerful chap, and I rather ignored him. Well, all got to talking on my favorite subject, sparring, after awhile, and I inquired up of the fellows present to put on the gloves for a little 'go' with me. 'I won't hurt you, you know,' said I. 'I'll just tap you lightly, and you can hit me as hard as you want. It's raining, and I don't want to go to the gym to-night, and I wish one of you ducks 'ud just slip 'em on with me.'"

"I didn't quite understand what they all meant when they exchanged glances and pushed forward two men who had never since my advent in the house and whom I had just met. 'Go ahead and give him a little exercise,' they urged this man. 'He won't hurt you. You've had the gloves on once or twice, anyhow, while none of the rest of us knows anything about boxing. Go ahead and give him a little exercise.'"

"All right," said this man rather reluctantly. He looked just like an ordinary man with his coat on, and I felt that he would be dead easy as a subject upon whom to practice and to show the other fellows what I knew about the fine points of the game. When he returned from his room, however, stripped to his trousers and his gauze undershirt, I couldn't help but look at the chap. For a man of ordinary size he had the hugest chest I had ever seen, and his arms and shoulders were as big as mine. He was a big fellow, and he was as quiet spoken a duck as ever saw, though, and he didn't look to be lively on his feet, so we went at it. 'Well, say that was a one man bout, and the other fellow was the one man. There was nothing to it but him. From the very minute that we squared off I could see by the way he handled his ducks that the boxing game was his a'forehand. I made a mistake in comparing him with him. He just fooled with me at first--rapped me here and there at will, adding insult to injury by quietly announcing where he was going to jolt me next--and I never got in a lick or a dab on him. I tried my darnedest when I saw I was totally outclassed to get in just one belt at him somewhere or other, but it was no go. He had a lightning guard for every easy I made to come in, and one, and after about five minutes I was puffing like a tree toad and still taking whacks all over my hide, while he was as cool as a cucumber."

"You're pretty good," I gasped when we took a momentary rest. 'You've been at this game often, haven't you?' 'I've had 'em on a few times,' he replied quietly. 'Let's have another short go.' 'Then we went at it again. He dodged around for a minute, and then he caught me one with his left fist right under the chin. I went sailing up into the air--I saw enough stars to have gone sailing right up among 'em--and I was out when I came down--good and out, as clean a case of knocked out boxer as ever happened in a prize ring. It was fully ten minutes before I came to, and when I did the other fellows were all fanning me and rubbing my head with ammonia and wondering if I was a sure enough dead 'un. I was all right after I got my head under the cold water spigot, and then one of the fellows took me into the center of the gang and said to me: 'Maybe you didn't quite catch the name of the man you boxed with when you were introduced to him, hey?' 'No, I didn't,' said I. 'Who is he--John L. Sullivan?' 'Not exactly Mr. Ford, step up and shake hands again. This,' went on the young fellow doing the introducing addressing me, 'is Malcolm W. Ford, the champion all around athlete of America. He has held that title for three years, earning it each year in competition with the best men in the whole country in athletic games. He holds the record for the running broad jump, the standing high jump, the pole vault, hammer throwing, shot putting, and he's among the best in the world as a 100 yard sprinter. He's all right.'"

"Yes," said I. 'I think he is--even if he is a party to this awful job on me,' and we shook hands. When the gang saw I was game enough to take my roasting good naturedly, they let up on me. But my pugilistic ambition wilted absolutely from that night."--Washington Star.

The Hint That Failed.
The landlady looked solemnly in the direction of the delinquent one. "It's a rule in this house to pay as you go," said she. The delinquent one smiled. "It's a good plan," said he. "You got it all in a bunch then or nothing."--Syracuse Herald.

The men-of-war of the ancient Romans had a crew of about 225 men, of which 174 were oarsmen working on three decks. The speed of these vessels was about six knots an hour in fair weather.

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"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes E. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H., "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take a place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Burlington & Darby's drug store.

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THE SPECTRAL BELL.
A Superstition of the Sea Sometimes Met With on Land.
The tolling of a spectral bell is one of the familiar superstitions of the sea, and especially is the illusion common along this section of the Gulf coast. What causes it nobody has ever learned, but it is hardly a luggerman from Mobile to the passes who has not, at one time or another, heard the sound. They describe the note as extraordinarily sweet and clear, rising and falling in solemn cadence and always seemingly close at hand. It is entirely different, they say, from any other noise of the ocean, and they scout the theory that it could possibly be produced by waves.

"It isn't water," said an old seafaring man the other night, "and, for that matter, it's sometimes heard on land. I know, because I've listened to it myself. Back in 1877, if you care to hear the story, I quit sailoring for awhile and went out west and tried my luck. I had a partner named Whichee, and, away up in the Sierra Madre range, in north New Mexico, we found an outcropping of rotten quartz that showed gold. It looked so good that we started to sink a shaft, although it was the most God forsaken spot you ever laid eyes on. It was in a little canyon, a thousand miles from nowhere, ugly black peaks all around us, and lonely--well, lonely is no name for it.

"One day, while Whichee was in the hole and me at the windlass he heard the bell. It was clear as my voice and seemed right over a mountain spur, where we knew there was no living being for three days' travel. It rang awhile and then stopped. Next day it rang again, slow, solemn and plainer than ever. It was broad daylight, and that made the thing all the worse, which sounds funny, but is true. We stood it four times, and then Whichee climbed out of the hole and said, 'Let's go.' I was willing. I believe we had a good thing, but that hell--it was too many for us. It makes my flesh crawl to think about it even now."--New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mayor Daly's Argument
New York, March 11.--The 123rd anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmett was celebrated under the auspices of the Clan-Na-Gael last night by a concert and mass meeting in the Academy of Music. The oration was delivered by Mayor John Daly of Limerick, Ire. Mayor Daly said in part: "Gentlemen tell us that the only hope for Ireland is the burning of London. I am not taking that job, because it is too big a one, but if there is a man who thinks he can go over and do in London what Kitchener is doing in the Transvaal, I will not stop him. I believe that there is still hope for Ireland, because I know that the French government has during the last five months stowed away more coal than it has use for in four years. If the French are storing up coal in that fashion, one would naturally believe that they are going to make it hot for somebody."

Rain Resembles Blood
Palermo, Sicily, March 11.--Ever since Saturday night a heavy red cloud has extended over the city, the sky being a deep red. The rain now falling resembled drops of coagulated blood. This phenomenon is attributed to dust from the African deserts, transported by the heavy south wind now blowing.
Rome, March 11.--The sky here is yellow, and at Naples a rain of sand has fallen, the heavens being dark red.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Committee on Cities will give a hearing to parties interested in House Bill No. 663, petition of John A. Mullen and others for legislation to provide that members of legislative departments shall have one day off, without loss of pay, in every eight days, at room No. 444, State House, on Wednesday, March 13, at 10:30 o'clock, a.m. Lloyd L. Chamberlain, Chairman. Frank E. Wetherell, Clerk of the Committee.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Committee on Election Laws will give a hearing to parties interested in recommendations of the Secretary of State, that the entire charge of voting machines, including their examination, approval, and the regulation of their use, be placed in the hands of a board consisting of three members, to be appointed by the governor as recommended in Public Document No. 43, at room No. 438 State House, on Wednesday, March 13th, at 10:30 o'clock, a.m. Willard Howland, Chairman. Charles F. Willard, Clerk of the Committee.

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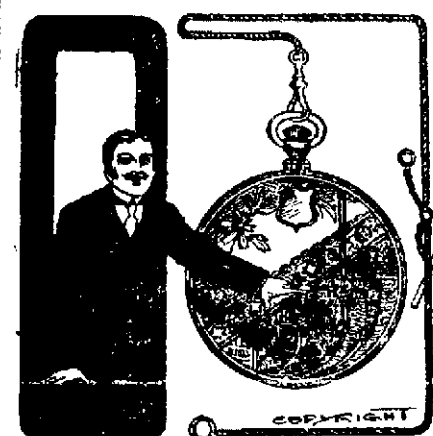
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OFFICERS ELECTED

State Convention of Bricklayers and Masons Gets Through Business Rapidly

ADJOURNMENT THIS AFTERNOON

New Constitution Under Discussion at Afternoon Session Today. Referendum for International Union After Long Debate Today

The bricklayers' and masons' convention which began yesterday afternoon got through its business rapidly yesterday and today, and will get through fully a day before the time expected, closing the sessions this afternoon. This was due to the lack of any contest in connection with the election of officers, and the absence of any grievances which called for discussion. The delegates expect to leave for their homes this evening, the convention having been one of much interest and importance in spite of its brevity.

The election of officers came yesterday afternoon, earlier than was expected, but as there were no contests, only one vote was taken, the secretary being instructed to cast one ballot for each of the men nominated. The old officers were re-elected, with the exception of vice-president, William Dobson of this city, who declined to serve again on account of the duties of his office as general secretary of the international union.

The officers elected were as follows: President, John T. Walsh of Boston union number 3; vice-president, R. A. Hennessey of Springfield union number 1; secretary, L. J. Cullen of Waltham union number 15; treasurer, P. P. Kelly of Newton union number 32. The election of organizer was left till today and will be put over till after the discussion of the new constitution which was begun this afternoon. The new constitution provides for the appointment of the organizers instead of their election. There are five to be named by the convention if the new constitution is adopted.

President Walsh has held his office for two years, and has been very active in forming unions throughout the state, having formed three during the past year and taken the preliminary steps towards organizing several others. Secretary Cullen has also held his office for two years, and has been a hard and faithful worker for the union. Treasurer Kelly's term of office has been the same as that of the others, and his reelection testifies to the esteem in which he is held by the members of the union. Mr. Hennessey is a young man who has taken a lively interest in the welfare of the craft, and who is expected to take an active part in the growth of the union.

After the address of welcome by William Dobson and response by President Walsh yesterday afternoon, the reports of the president, secretary and treasurer were in order, as reported yesterday. The president's report showed that during the year three new unions had been organized, in Taunton, Cambridge and Roxbury. The organization of unions is under way at Gloucester, Marlboro, Woburn, Hyde Park and Beverly. The president devoted some time to urging the members to maintain the movement for the shorter work day, and to use greater activity in advancing the interests of the union.

The following committee was appointed to consider the reports of the officers: Delegates Bowler of Springfield, McDonough of Westfield, and Dockendorff of Fitchburg. Thomas O'Dea of Cohoes, N. Y., until last year general secretary of the international union, was present in the city on a visit to William Dobson, and attended the convention. He was called on for remarks, and spoke briefly, on the needs and the increased responsibilities following the great growth of the union.

William Dobson also spoke again, his theme being the good fellowship and fraternity feeling that characterize the union. His remarks were heartily applauded.

William Dobson and Patrick Lally of Waltham were appointed a press committee.

The auditing committee was made up as follows—Delegates Sullivan of Cambridge, Caley of this city and Gombie of Boston.

A committee consisting of Delegates O'Brien of Lawrence, Harrington of Boston and Hennessey of Springfield was appointed to prepare a resolution calling for the appointment of practical bricklayers as inspectors of sewer work, instead of men who have no technical education.

The most important resolution to be acted upon at the convention was presented this morning by Delegate Patrick Lally of Waltham, calling for the adoption of the initiative and referendum by the international union. This provoked a long and interesting debate and the resolution was finally adopted by a unanimous vote. This gives the endorsement of the state division to the proposal and it will be agitated in the publications of the union and a strong effort made to have it adopted by the international body. The Massachusetts union is the first to propose the measure and the delegates are confident that it will finally be adopted for the international union.

There was little else done at the morning session and the delegates adjourned for dinner soon after noon. The afternoon session began at 1.30 and the new constitution and other resolutions were taken up. The delegates expected that final adjournment would come by 5 o'clock.

The delegates who presented credentials yesterday afternoon were as follows:

- Union 1 of Springfield—R. A. Hennessey, John T. Bowler.
- Union 2 of Holyoke—William J. Dillon, Michael Johnson.
- Union 3 of Boston—Jeremiah Harrington, John J. Gombie, John T. Walsh.
- Union 4 of Northampton—Patrick Lyons.
- Union 5 of Brockton—T. E. Jones.
- Union 6 of Worcester—John M. Flynn.
- Union 9 of Boston—John Collins, John J. Cronin.
- Union 10 of Lynn—Michael O'Brien.
- Union 11 of Fall River—James Stanton, Arthur Puleston.
- Union 12 of Lynn—D. J. Sergeant.
- Union 13 of Taunton—J. Hackett.

- Union 15 of Waltham—L. D. Cullen, Patrick Lally.
- Union 16 of Lenox—James McDermall.
- Union 18 of North Adams—John La-Crosse, John J. Caley.
- Union 19 of Fitchburg—John Dockendorff.
- Union 20 of Pittsfield—F. Quirk, Jas. Devanney.
- Union 24 of Westfield—James McDonough.
- Union 27 of Boston—M. J. Shea.
- Union 32 of Newton—P. P. Kelly.
- Union 33 of Roxbury—P. F. Danehy.
- Union 34 of Cambridge—D. L. Sullivan.

PRAISE FROM ENGLAND

North Adams School Exhibit from Paris Exposition Attracts Attention

Although North Adams did not send a special exhibit of the work of its public schools to the Paris exposition, there was quite a little of the work of the local schools shown in the exhibit prepared by the state board of education. Mr. Bailey of the state board took some pictures and specimens of work from the schools here to be incorporated in the state exhibit and these specimens attracted considerable attention from their excellence. The following letter to the Transcript from a former well known local man will be read with interest:

Editor of the Transcript:
Having been a resident of your city for several years during which time I formed many warm ties and tender associations for the city and everything relating to its welfare. Tonight I was very agreeably surprised to find English gentlemen who were interested in good schools and educational systems in general, praise the schools of North Adams. I thought that perhaps those at home who are interested in and are proud of the North Adams schools would like to hear what these gentlemen had to say of the same.

It seems that the educational exhibits of the United States at the Paris exposition have been loaned to an English society for the promotion of better educational systems. This society has been exhibiting these American exhibits in all of the principal cities of Great Britain. At the present time they are here in Manchester.

Two gentlemen who are stopping in the same hotel with myself had returned to the hotel during the evening and their conversation turned to this exhibit from which they had just returned.

It seems that the exhibit from the schools of North Adams had particularly attracted their attention. One of these gentlemen made the following statement: "I was more impressed with the exhibit which was shown from the schools of North Adams than any of the others which I saw. The work of the scholars was more uniformly good than that of any others. The pictures of their school buildings which were shown were of a substantial nature and had a very artistic appearance." S. L. HILLS
Manchester, England,
February 26, 1901.

Well Known Labor Writer Here

Patrick Lally of Waltham, who is a delegate to the bricklayers' and masons' convention now in session in this city, and a member of the press committee, is one of the well known labor union writers in the state. He is a frequent contributor to labor periodicals, and last year published a book entitled, "A vindication of labor unions." The book is a volume of over 150 pages, taking up a number of topics in connection with the growth of labor unionism, and presents a strong argument in their favor. It is dedicated to the bricklayers and masons' international union, and although it contains one or two chapters on this union, it uses the individual union as an example of the whole. Beginning with the cause of labor unions, Mr. Lally treats of various problems in connection with them from a broad minded point of view. The book is one that should prove of value to all labor union men and others who are interested in the cause for which the unions stand.

Farmers Institute

Berkshire county farmers and breeders who will speak at the farmers' institute throughout the state this year and their topics are:

Hon. S. A. Hickox of Williamstown: "How to improve the New England farm;" "Economic feed for dairy cows;" "The silo and its use;" "The breeding of the Jersey cow."

C. H. Shaylor of Lee: "Standard-bred poultry on the farm."

Wesley B. Barton, Dalton, member of the board of agriculture: "The silo;" "Dairy farming for profit;" "Resources of a New England farm;" "The grange and its benefits to the farmer."

Alonso Bradley of Lee: "Bee culture in New England;" "Holstein cattle;" "The diseases of cattle."

BLACKINTON

Miss Jennie Blackinton, owing to poor health has been compelled to resign her position as teacher in room six of the Blackinton schools. Miss Blackinton was a painstaking and competent teacher and has a large number of friends who hope her recovery will be speedy and permanent.

The Druid football club will open a checker tournament in their rooms this evening. The tournament is open to all.

Commodore Utman has accepted a position in the woodworking department of the Hunter machine company's shop. Harry Jones has left the mill to take a position in the machine shop.

Rev. Mr. Barter who is assisting Rev. Mr. Spencer of the Baptist church, preached in Union church Sunday afternoon.

Rev. George Flynn of North Adams will deliver the Lenten sermon at St. Patrick's church Thursday evening.

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HOLDS 1230 ACRES OF LAND

Large Holdings in Pownal in Name of V. A. Whitaker, for Water Protection

W. S. Carson writes in the Boston Sunday Globe as follows from this city: It is not generally known that Valmore A. Whitaker, the treasurer of the North Adams savings bank, is already a very large land owner in another state. The title to no less than 1230 acres of Pownal land is vested in Mr. Whitaker. It may be that some of his friends, when they learn this, may suspect that Mr. Whitaker is to run in opposition to William C. Whitney in the number of acres of land controlled. Mr. Whitney started as a Conway boy but one of his little incidents which does not figure largely in his calculations is several thousand acres of land on October mountain in Washington, near Lenox. Mr. Whitaker, although he controls the 1230 acres of land, has no idea of having an estate that will rival that of Mr. Whitney or any other of the Lenox magnates.

It is a fact that some unknown friend of the city that is deeply interested in the water supply of North Adams has for a number of years supplied the money with which to purchase land on the water shed of the Broad Brook system, simply for the purpose of controlling the supply and having it everything that water should be that is supplied to a city.

There is no hope of money making. There is no scheme of purchasing land low and selling it to the city high. The unknown friend of the city furnishes the money, the land is purchased, the title rests in the name of Mr. Whitaker and when the city desires to purchase the land at the same price which was paid for it, the titles will be transferred to the city.

Of the total of 1230 acres now controlled by Mr. Whitaker, 760 came from the Willard Moody tract, 175 from A. E. Hall of Williamstown and the Ames estate and another tract of 79 acres from the Ames estate. Concerning some of the land which has been purchased, or which is now being negotiated for, there has been considerable controversy. Back in 1799 a plan was made of certain sections of land in Pownal. The land was of little value then, and it is not specially valuable now except for watershed purposes.

Being of little value little attention was paid to the boundaries and lines. This is particularly true of section 15 on the old plan or what is supposed to be section 15. Some one either mislaid or stole the old plan and one or two based quite largely on tradition have been made. A chestnut tree, when it is strong and healthy and branded with an iron, so that there can be no mistake, it all right, until time kills the tree, and then the boundary point is as definite as a squirrel track that cannot be seen.

There is a suspicion that some of the old sections are held for fairly high prices, now that they are desired. The surveyors differ in their lines. This has caused considerable controversy and in the end, in order to get the land, more than its actual value for anything except water protection will have to be paid.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Drury Will Probably Join Western Massachusetts Association in Amherst Meet

The Drury Athletic association has received an invitation from the Western Massachusetts interscholastic athletic association to take part in the meet which is to be held on Pratt field at Amherst June 15. The directors of the association have written for more definite information and will decide later whether Drury will accept or not, but this will probably be done. This interscholastic association has heretofore consisted of only four schools, Springfield, Holyoke, Monson and Amherst, and it was conducted on about the same lines as the Berkshire association which meets at Williams.

The meet of the Berkshire county association comes at Williamstown June 8, and it is probable that Drury will send its representatives to Amherst on the following week. The decision of the Western Massachusetts association to enlarge its membership has been discussed for some time and was definitely decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee at Holyoke yesterday. The admission fee was reduced from \$10 to \$5 and it was decided to heretofore allow of individual entries free. The following high schools and academies have been invited to join: Hartford, Arms academy of Shelburne Falls, Greenfield, Ware, Palmer, Northampton, Huntington, Pittsfield, North Adams and Thompsonville. It was voted to hold the annual field day meeting at Pratt field at Amherst June 15. At least 12 schools will take part and possibly 15. Previously but four have contested. No chance was made in the list of sports.

Membership in this will not affect Drury's membership in the Berkshire county organization.

Emerson Club Meeting

The program booked for the Emerson club meeting last evening, which was to include a lecture by Rev. O. I. Darling of Adams on "American humorists," was postponed for two weeks on account of the weather and the Y. M. C. A. course. An impromptu program, consisting of reading, was given by members of the club in its place. W. S. Gilbert, Rev. O. I. Darling, Rev. A. E. Wright, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Davis, and Mrs. Cady were among those who took part, the contributions being mostly humorous. The attendance was smaller than expected but a very pleasant evening was passed. Next Monday evening the question, "Resolved: that the jury system should be abolished."

Court Records Destroyed

All the records of the last term of court taken by Miss Harriet L. Kilbourne were burned Sunday night in the Great Barrington fire. Only the judges notes are now in existence, with which to guide the lawyers in making appeals in several cases. This may favorably effect the appeal in the Candler fire insurance cases where new trials are asked.

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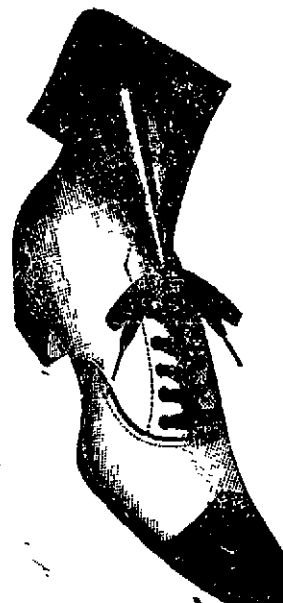
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